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ANC fails to vote on proposals in walk-out

BY JENNIFER LEMEGA
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Even after facing voters Nov. 5, it doesn't seem much has changed on the Foggy Bottom Advisory Neighborhood Commission as members launched accusations at each other and threatened to walk out of the Nov. 20 meeting.

The meeting ended without any business being conducted after two ANC-2A commissioners left the session.

Motions were made to adjourn the meeting just minutes after it began by Commissioner Dorothy Miller, while ANC-2A Chair Sara Maddux urged the meeting to proceed as scheduled.

Miller made a "parliamentary inquiry" asking when notice of the meeting was made and in what publication. Maddux said the meeting was advertised in the Rock Creek Current, but Miller still objected and asked for the right to personal privilege.

"I request necessary action be taken," Miller said. "The commission has seen no minutes since March."

In order for a meeting to be declared legal, a seven-day notice is required of the meeting's date, time and place. Members of the community are not getting the information they need, according to Miller. "There needs to be established, public and written notice."

Miller and Commissioner Maria Tyler voted to adjourn the meeting while Maddux and Secretary Mike Geroe voted to continue. Dale Barnhard, who walked in during Miller's speech, was not present to vote. "Let me know when she (Miller) is finished," Barnhard said, and left the room. Miller eventually agreed to stay.

The American Red Cross presented drawings of proposed changes in construction that will take place on their building
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Larger classes may loom for GW

Graduate enrollment drop could mean higher undergraduate tuition

BY MATT BERGER
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Increased undergraduate enrollment and larger classes may be the future at GW and, according to one Student Association senator, the SA has taken no action to prevent it.

Projected enrollment in graduate programs has decreased, with a shortfall of 350 students, which has created a decrease in revenue.

"There is a shortfall in enrollment," GW Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz said.

According to the minutes of the Nov. 1 Faculty Senate meeting, GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said "the economic impact of

the shortfall would be several million dollars."

To combat this problem, Trachtenberg asked the deans of each undergraduate school to look into expansion of undergraduate enrollment.

SA Vice President for Academic Affairs David Cleary, who replaced David Petron earlier this semester, said the SA will follow the deans' lead.

"We want to see what research the deans come up with," Cleary said. "If the deans feel it can be done, (the SA) will accept it. The best we can do is talk to the deans and express our concerns. If class sizes stay the same as they are now, it would be marginally acceptable."

However, Cleary said he is afraid of endangering the academic standing of the University. He said he hopes the deans will check out whether resources can accommodate an increase in students.

In addition, a possible increase in tuition also may be a result of the graduate school enrollment decrease.

"I want the smallest increase possible," SA President Damian McKenna said. "And with that increase, I want to see an increase in services also." McKenna predicted a four to six percent increase in tuition.

Katz agreed that tuition may be affected by the enrollment problem.

"Anything has an overall effect," he said. But, he also agreed that "you can't solve one problem by putting it on the backs of someone else."

Final tuition rates will be determined by the Board of Trustees in the spring.

Graduate Sen. Emily Cummins (CSAS) said she was unhappy with the SA's response.

"Class size is one of the few issues that really matters," Cummins said, "and I think that the SA has not done enough to protect students."

Cummins, along with graduate Sen. Randy Papadopoulos (CSAS), authored two bills that limited class sizes. The futures of those

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Admissions' affirmative action is a goal, not a priority

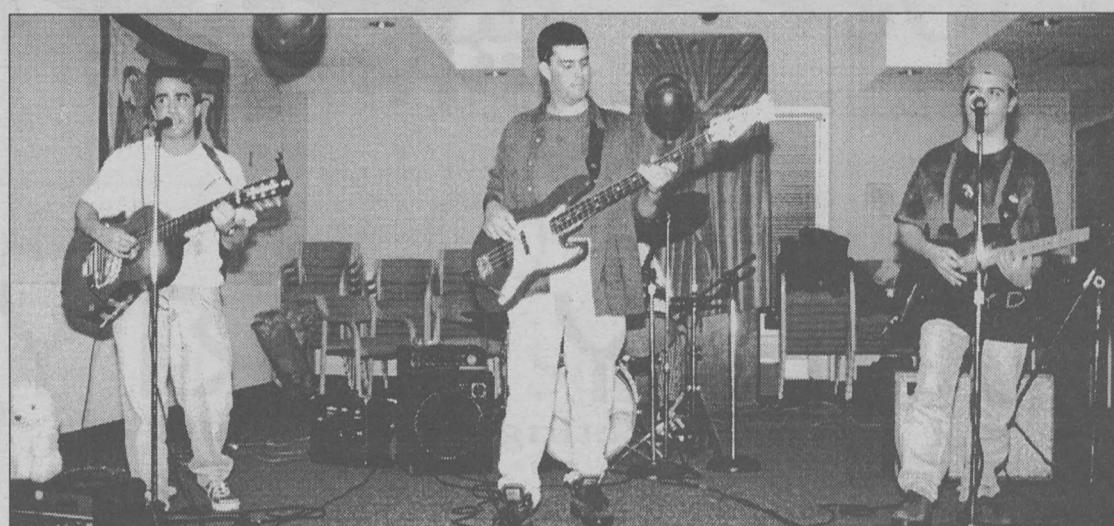
BY AMY S. MAIO
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GW admissions does not designate that a specific percentage of its entering class consist of minority students, nor does it lower admissions standards to create a diverse student population, according to Executive Director of Enrollment Management Fred Siegel.

Instead, admissions officials attempt to create a diverse freshman class by examining applicants' entire academic record and sending recruitment officers to areas traditionally under-represented on campus, Siegel said.

"We don't have quotas," Siegel said. Admissions officers "consider a person's ethnic and racial background, but it can't be the final decision," Siegel said. "(We) look at the whole transcript and record."

Affirmative action measures have received a large amount of attention recently as some courts across the country have ruled that universities may consider race in admissions while other judges have



Sputnik Fly band members Andy Brill, Josh Rosenzweig, Scott Gruber and Dave Kauvar (behind Rosenzweig) jammed Saturday night to feed the homeless for Pajama Jam at Hillel. (See story, p. 7.)

PB called a 'meritocracy'

Salinas says inquiries are only 'election year attacks'

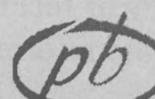
BY BECKY NEILSON
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Every February, GW chooses a new crop of student leaders to fill seats in the Student Association, Marvin Center Governing Board and Program Board. Recently, the elections for Program Board have come under fire by some who allege that the PB election process is unfair and elitist.

According to article five of the PB constitution, "Only students who have previously served on the Executive Board of the Program

Board are eligible to be elected to the position of chairperson."

Program Board:



second of a two-part series

The PB's executive chair and vice chair are elected each spring in campus-wide elections. However, some

students feel it is "exclusionary" to allow only former committee chairs to run for the group's highest post.

"Unless you've been involved with the PB, you don't understand the structure of the organization," PB Executive Chair Rodney Salinas said. "You can be SA president with no experience whatsoever. The PB is a completely different beast."

"Programming takes a different kind of person. They need to understand why we do things a certain way. If a person with no PB experi-

(See SALINAS, p. 13)

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Triple Bulls Shot

Some random musings from the Smith Center bleachers

Watching the GW-Holy Cross basketball game from behind the visitors' bench at the Smith Center on Friday night, a friend and I were struck at the baldness that seemed to encompass the event. When head coach Mike "Shiny" Jarvis came over to meet with the opposing (mostly bald) coaches, it was almost like an Anti-Hair Club For Men convention was going on right before my eyes.

I was watching all this with my friend Prescott, who we all made fun of for having the beginnings of

a receding hairline when we were freshmen. Four years later, none of us guys seem to be laughing as much, as we watch, with dismay, as our own once-healthy shocks of hair seem to be getting thinner by the day.

And what's worse is that the unhappy phenomenon of male pattern baldness seems to go hand-in-hand with male pattern back-hair. Which is worse, I can't say. When you start losing your hair on your head, it doesn't simply fall out and go away — it just gets relocated somewhere else on

your body.

I've always hoped some of this relocation would take place on my



**Erik
Schelzig**

inevitably ask me why I shave my mustache. The joke is: I don't. And no, I'm not going for the Abe Lincoln look on purpose.

All I ever wanted to be was a baseball player. And baseball is one of the last strongholds of the mustache. Whereas most of the rest of society sees mustaches as a sign of white trash and general sleaziness (unless, of course, the mustache is combined with the ever-fashionable goatee), 90 percent of baseball players sport them proudly (that's not a statistic, it's a guess).

And I happen to think my inability to grow a mustache has more than a little to do with the fact that I have never cracked the pro ranks of baseball. And the hour is getting late, too. The fact that I was a free swinging slugger who rarely hit for singles (or for extra base hits, for that matter) is only a minor factor. Baseball is 90 percent looks, 50 percent attitude, 30 percent spitting ability, and whatever little is after that is actual physical skills. That's Yogi Berra math at its best.

You need proof? Just take a look at former major leaguer John Kruk sometime. He's the one who responded to a woman's objection to him smoking cigarettes on the subway by telling her he wasn't an athlete — he was a baseball player.

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Back to the basketball game.

The guys played great — Alexander Koul had a monster slam toward the end of the game, and my game was made. The GW band, however, is definitely in the doghouse (not to be confused with the Dog Pound; that's a punishment in and of itself).

Did they really think they were going to get any sympathy from anybody when they argue that the "Buff and Blue" (what the hell is "buff" anyway? And don't tell me it's "yellow") is being played faster than ever before. A whole two seconds faster than last year. Yay.

And what is with this stubborn resistance to play that "Hey" song? I realize that the Smith Center has concerns about the song because of its offensive nature. But the song is only offensive because the students have amended its original text to include "You suck" after "Hey!" Is that a reason to ban it? I think not. Students also make offensive noises at the "O" part of the national anthem. And nobody's calling for an end to the Star Spangled Banner.

That's not the band's fault. But being a bunch of whining, slow-playing party poopers is. OK, band members, feel free to flame me. I can be reached at the following address: "TripBullsShot, c/o The Office of President Stephen Trachtenberg, Rice Hall." I'm looking forward to your comments.

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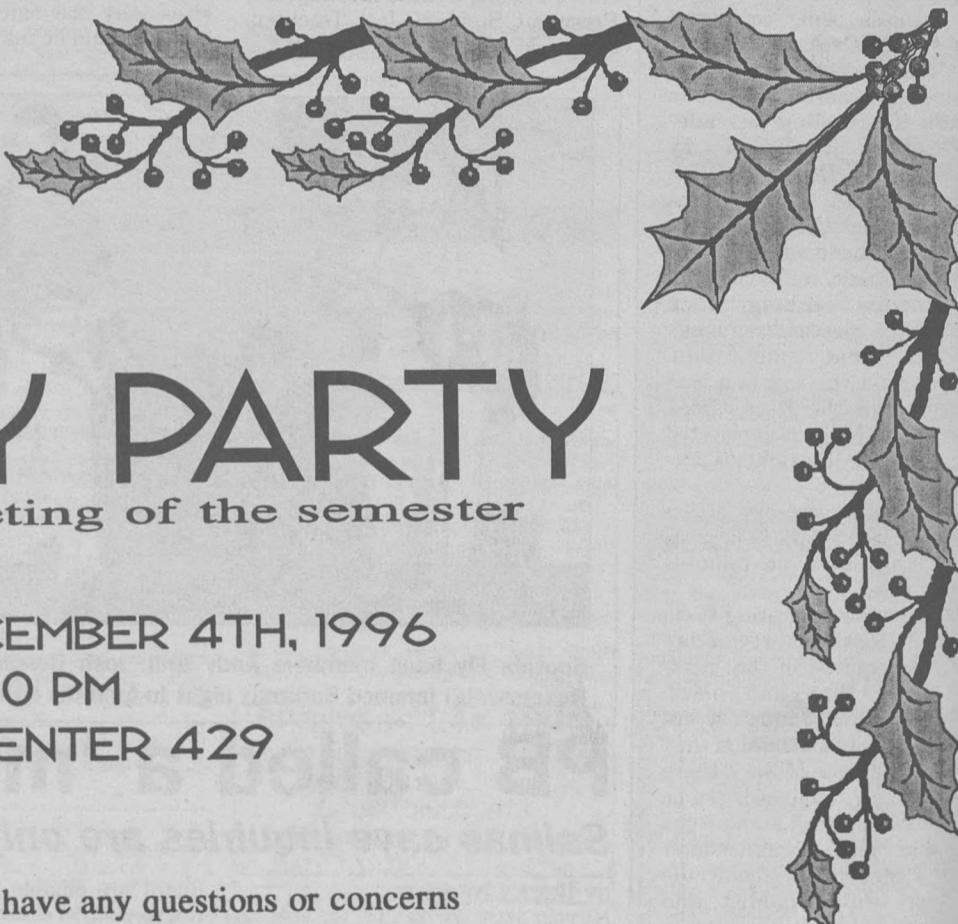
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GW asked to save a life in marrow drive

National registry recruits donors on campus

BY SUSAN SCHULTZ
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

This week the National Marrow Donor Program called on GW students to "save a life" as the National Marrow Registry, a nation-wide listing of people registered to donate bone marrow, recruited donors on campus.

A national marrow registry drive sponsored by Tikum Olam of Hillel, the Multicultural Student Services Center, the Office of Community Service and the NIH Marrow Donor Center was held Nov. 20.

GW students and faculty were urged to register for the national list. Liz Weiss, co-chairperson of Tikum Olam of Hillel, explained the process of registration as "a simple procedure."

"A prospective donor needs to fill out the consent form and give a small amount of blood. From this their tissue is typed and added to the list," Weiss said.

Weiss said donating marrow can have a large impact. "Bone marrow can be used to help over 60 diseases including leukemia and anemia," she said.

NIH recruiter Russell Binion said, "There are more than 30,000 individuals with leukemia or anemia in need of marrow."

"Usually 50 to 75 individuals register during drives held at universities and companies," he added.

"Our greatest need is from African Americans, Latin Americans, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders and the American Indians."

Erika Sparks, an NIH Hispanic recruitment specialist and veteran donor, shared her personal experience. "I had registered in 1992 as a University of Maryland student. I was called in 1994 and ended up being a complete match for a patient. After more confirmatory testing I was chosen as the donor."

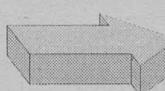
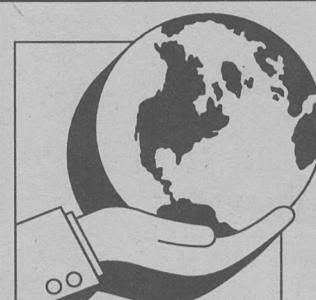
Sparks said the marrow donating procedure was "less painful than having my wisdom teeth removed." After donating marrow Sparks wanted to keep in touch with the National Marrow Program and started working for it three months ago.

"When you donate marrow, it is to one person dying and you develop a strong emotional relationship with the person receiving your donation," Sparks said.

The National Marrow Program is looking to register individuals 18 to 60 years old, in general good health with no chronic diseases. Sparks encouraged anyone who is seriously interested to call 1-800-MARROW-2 with any questions or concerns.

"If I have a chance to save people's lives I will take it," said Kelly Dunphy, a GW freshman who registered last Wednesday. "The registration was a painless process."

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Class conflict

After a decrease in graduate student enrollment this year, the University is planning to make up its losses by admitting a larger Class of 2001. So the Office of Admissions is planning for 1,700 freshmen, a situation that would put unacceptable strain on GW's academic and student services.

Director of Admissions Fred Siegel says this shouldn't make much of a difference; after all, the current freshman class has almost 1,640 students. But wasn't GW aiming for a smaller class last year, about 1,450 students or so? We shudder to think of the class size we'd get if they actually aimed for 1,700 students.

Let's begin with the most obvious problem: on-campus housing. Yes, we're getting a new residence hall, but GW is also turning The Dakota back into an apartment building. Plus, Crawford Hall and four floors of Mitchell Hall will be reserved for freshmen. The Class of 2001 may have enough living space, but what will happen to the upperclassmen who want to stay on campus?

Apparently GW's obsession with *U.S. News and World Report's* college rankings doesn't outweigh its obsession with profit. The more students we aim to admit, the higher the acceptance rate will be — and the lower our ranking will fall.

There is also speculation that this year's tuition hike also might need to be bigger to offset the shortfall. But undergraduates have suffered through enough big increases. Seniors here are paying almost \$4,000 more in tuition than they did as freshmen. It's fascinating that the University can find the money to bail out ailing Mount Vernon College, but can't seem to ride out one bad year without dumping all over its undergraduate population.

The other big problem here is that for the most part, the Student Association has kept quiet about this issue. SA Vice President for Academic Affairs David Cleary says the SA will support whatever decision the administration makes. Why should the student government support a decision that is bad for students? The SA was working on a resolution to limit class discussion size to 20 students. How can that happen with one of the largest freshman classes ever?

Share the wealth

The Program Board is one of the hardest-working student groups on campus. PB brings bands, movies and speakers to campus on a regular basis, and its name appears as a sponsor of just about every activity here at GW.

But we're concerned that PB has lost some perspective when it comes to reaping the fruits of its labor. Specifically, we're talking about co-sponsorship.

PB has raised a lot of money and prizes for events by soliciting area businesses. Most of the money goes toward PB-sponsored events. But the group's executive board reaps the benefits as well. Co-sponsorship paid for a \$545 executive board dinner at Planet Hollywood, another dinner for \$270 at Bertucci's, \$600 worth of tickets to the Improv and \$900 worth of massages at Massage Associates.

PB's volunteers definitely need to be rewarded for all the work they do for GW students. But when its members spend lavish amounts of money on themselves, it looks bad, even if the money isn't from student fees. It's one thing to have a dinner at the end of the semester to reward hard-working members. It's quite another to regularly host executive board meetings at restaurants around town.

But this year's Program Board shouldn't be blamed completely for this problem. These uses of co-sponsorship money are a PB tradition. This is all the more reason why the current PB should re-examine its spending practices. The more members feel entitled to these rewards, the less other students will receive.

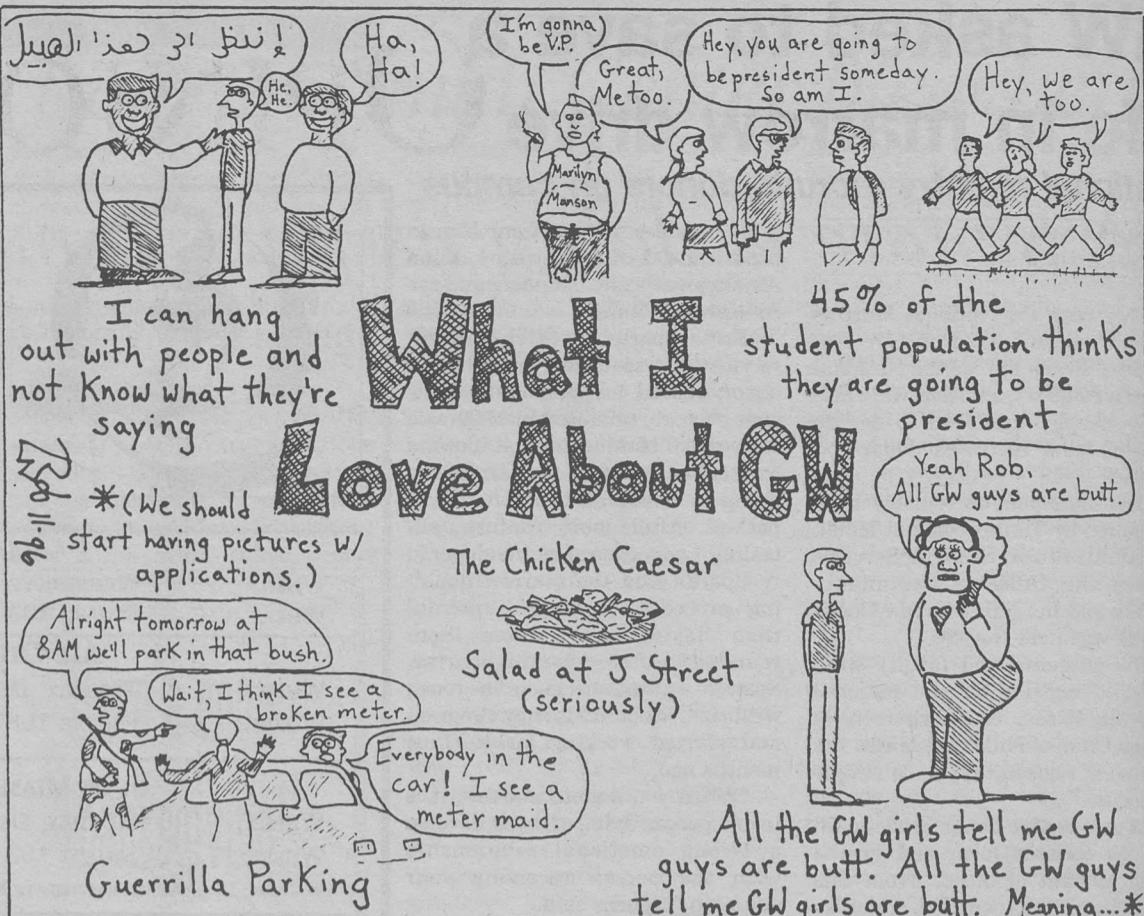
PB needs to give as much as it can to the students, and that might mean giving up some of the free tickets and massages and dinners. They shouldn't have to give up all of them; they work too hard for us to ask that. But the group needs to remember that it is there first and foremost to serve the student body.

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For new 'adults,' first trip home for the holidays is an adjustment

Less than 48 hours from now, I will be wedged in an airline seat designed to comfortably accommodate someone roughly the size of Kate Moss. With my seat belt securely fastened and my luggage carefully stowed in the overhead compartment, I will return to a life that seems to have belonged to someone else a long, long time ago. I will be on my way home.

The upcoming mass migration of college students to their respective homes will have a significant effect on families throughout the country, many of whom have not seen their children since their somewhat shocking transformations from high school kids into "independent, mature adults." Those families will undoubtedly be hit the hardest by the sudden introduction of the aforementioned "adult" into the household, and it is somewhat ironic to think of those parents at home now, oblivious to their impending reality check.

At this very moment, a mother somewhere is saying to her husband (or significant other, as the case may be), "Won't it be wonderful to see our little (insert name here) in just two short days? I can't wait to take him/her to the movies, out to dinner, shopping, to see Great-Aunt Frieda ... it will be just like old times!"

Meanwhile, little "Child X" has been spending the last three months introducing him/herself to the finer points of adulthood: Namely, staying out later and partying more often than he or she was ever allowed to in high school. This can be more than a little bit distressing to the student's unsuspecting family, and it's a painful experience the first time a well-

intended offer of an intellectually stimulating family game of Scrabble is regarded by the student with an aura of incredulity.

And it is truly a tragic sight to behold the blissful expression on a mother's face when her child is home at 11:30 p.m.; she is assuming this means the child is in for the night. The mother's contented visage is quickly replaced by a mask of disbelief when she realizes her child intends to go out an hour later, and that stupefaction is overpowered by parental concern as 2

*Jennifer
Baron*

a.m. approaches without any sign of the child in question. When the headlights of the student's car finally appear in the driveway at 4 a.m., the mother is in a panicked state and is probably contemplating enlisting the help of some sort of law-enforcement official.

However, parents should not misinterpret this new relationship with their adult children by making the mistake of thinking they are no longer needed or appreciated. First of all, the true value of a student's own bed cannot be overstated, no matter how short the duration of time the student actually spends sleeping in it may be. The same goes for food that has not been prepared to serve more than 1,000 people — its worth increases with each day that one lives without it.

Few Thanksgiving dinners will remain untouched on the plates of college students. Even the presence

of the student's family can be welcome under certain circumstances, although not every student can be persuaded to admit this fact. The vast majority of students have encountered some situations while at school in which a parent's advice would have been second to none.

For example, a parent's advice would surely have prevented the collections of slightly-off-color white socks that inevitably emerge in college students' wardrobes, usually due to a roommate's insistence that red and white items really can be washed together. And, since they are in the unique position of having been present throughout their child's entire education (no one else knows about the unsatisfactory in art class from first grade), a parent can offer invaluable counsel on college majors and courses.

It is these attributes of my parents, and not the possible conflicts that might arise between us over the holiday, that I will be thinking about when the stewardess comes down the aisle asking if I would care for a beverage to wash down my bag of seven peanuts. My expectation for this holiday break is that as a college student I can, through my "adult" eyes, now see the qualities in my family that might have been obscured previously by the fact that we were living so closely together. Their responsibility for my actions has been alleviated for the most part, and I am looking forward to seeing how our new relationship establishes itself when we are now on an equal level ... well, almost. They are still paying my tuition.

Jennifer Baron is a freshman who is undecided on a major.

**Got something to say?
Then write a letter to the Hatchet.**

OPINION

SA Senate is doing its part to make student life easier

I was impressed by Joanna Markell's article ("SA's heart is in the right place, but it needs to tackle tough stuff," The GW Hatchet, Nov. 14, p. 4), and since last Monday, when the article appeared, I have wanted to write a response. I am glad to see there are students taking a critical but educated look at the Student Association. I agree with the concerns she has raised, and I praise her for presenting them in a constructive manner.

I think it can sometimes be difficult to evaluate the Student Association. For one thing, the SA is large and diverse. There are 125 members working to represent the concerns of the student body, and unfortunately, not all of these members receive equal recognition for their efforts.

The Student Association is also limited by what coverage The Hatchet chooses to provide us with, and often this means that many important initiatives put forth by the SA go uncovered. This year there have been several programs, projects and initiatives undertaken by the SA that have not received any coverage from The Hatchet. This is why I think this year's Student Association has gone through such pains to let the student body know what we've been up to.

In addition, public perception of the SA is often limited to the SA executive branch, and the acts of the Senate often go unnoticed. It seems

the SA president is sometimes the single image by which the Student Association is judged.

As a senator, I cannot accurately comment on all the actions of the executive branch, but I would like to mention some of the things the Senate has sought to address over the last couple of months. My colleagues in the Senate are some of the hardest working individuals I know, and each senator believes fully in his or her responsibility to represent student concerns. Nothing gives us more satisfaction than to help a fellow student out with a particular problem they may be having.

In late October, the SA hosted a town hall meeting with the Board of Trustees in order to allow students to voice concerns directly to the board members. Senators were active participants at this meeting. I raised the issue of tuition increases and how they are always presented to the students at the last minute. I, along with many others that were in attendance, also addressed concerns about the financial aid office.

A few days later, the trustees asked me to come along with them on a tour of the Office of Student Financial Assistance. As a student and former employee of the office, I was able to give the Board input from two perspectives. As we went through the office, we found many problems in need of serious remedy. Now the Board, along with the

administration, appears to have made fixing the financial aid office a priority.

Graduate Sens. Emily Cummins (CSAS) and Randy Papadopoulos (CSAS) passed a series of resolutions and worked with faculty and administrators in order to see that class discussions are limited in size, so students can have a fair opportunity to participate and get the attention they deserve. Their efforts to utilize the Senate as an effective tool to bring concerns to faculty and administrators are a great example

sory committee in order to work with the administration on this issue. We are also examining alternatives to street parking, such as discounts at local parking facilities and a student Metro pass.

Following Issues Awareness Night, when Katie Koestner gave a powerful presentation on date rape, SA Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski met with administrators to discuss the University's policy on sexual assault. Dianne has helped set up a task force to look at the policy. As part of the task force, I have been contacting schools throughout the District in order to compare policies.

Dianne has also contacted several schools that Koestner recommended as schools with exemplary policies on sexual assault. I hope all students interested in helping us look at this policy will contact the SA, because we realize there has been a lot of concern about this issue. We want to focus that concern into positive results.

Undergraduate Sen. Lance Rothenberg (CSAS) put together an academic advising fair in which students could come to receive academic advising about any school, major or course. The fair featured faculty members and students from all the departments and schools at GW.

Undergraduate Sens. Serena Barnes (at large) and Shana Greatman (at large) have been

working to develop a clearinghouse program through which student concerns can be more efficiently handled. I have also worked with Omer Totonji, the SA's vice president for undergraduate policy, in order to revamp and better utilize the Student Advocacy Service.

As a member of the Dining Services Commission, I can vouch for the efforts the DSC has put forth in order to improve student meal plans. Just recently we spent nearly three hours critiquing J Street for an ARAMark manager who listened and took down our concerns. Starting next semester, meal hours will be better for students, and adjustments will be made at many of the stations in order to provide better service.

I would like to say once again that I am thankful for Joanna Markell's article. As students, I think we all need to evaluate the way the SA works for us. I still think we have a long way to go in our efforts to advocate for all the students, help students fully understand all the levels on which the SA operates and keep students informed about what the SA really does. I hope that as students have concerns they will feel free to bring them forth to their respective senators.

-Adam Siple is a Columbian School of Arts and Sciences undergraduate senator and chair of the SA Senate student life committee.

The CIRC experience: It must be Trachtenberg's idea of discipline

Tippy tap tap tap, the sounds of fingers pounding upon those oily keyboards echo in your head. You are waiting in line (again) outside one of CIRC's fabulous computer labs. All you want to do is get a head start on your final paper. All you want to do is pursue your studies without any administrative obstacles in your way. Well, no way. Not at this university.

You see, at George Washington University (note: I drop the "The"), the students embrace the art of patience. The administration strategically planned to have too few computers for the student body in order to instigate some form of discipline. Just as President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg hiked five miles to and from school every day (uphill both ways), his students will wait for hours upon hours to write their papers or to transcribe their e-mail.

And as you wait in line with your Novell account information in your sweaty palm, you remember the coarse words of your president: "E-mail is not a right. It is a privilege." Did he really say that? You cannot clarify, though,

Dan Ginsberg

because it is nearly impossible to differentiate between mirage and reality in this heat. Why is the temperature in these computer labs comparative to the sultry heat of southern Texas? You wonder if all the CIRC technicians regulate their home thermostats so they can always dwell in the steaminess of a Pentium paradise.

And before you can formulate another witty thought, you notice one of the monitors in the room displaying a game of Minesweeper. Is it legal for a computer user to play games while others wait patiently in line to use that same computer for productive measures? The question is rhetorical, but you answer it anyway: No. And at the same time you wish the game was actually "Buttsweeper," so you could sweep that guy's ass out of the lab.

So finally you get your big chance to sit behind the regal monitor and begin your masterpiece. But the v-hold is out of touch today, as you note the flashing screen. Looks as if CIRC will have to order another part. Maybe they will get around to ordering another lab. We all know they have the money.

-Dan Ginsberg is a junior majoring in economics.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Enough is enough

Am I the only one who is finding this debate between Womyn's Issues Now and GW's fraternities a little tedious?

First, as Danielle Gibbs eloquently states in her Nov. 21 editorial ("Misconceptions about WIN rally must be cleared up," The GW Hatchet, p. 5), the "shoe tree" outcry is undermining the positive messages of empowerment and solidarity of Take Back the Night.

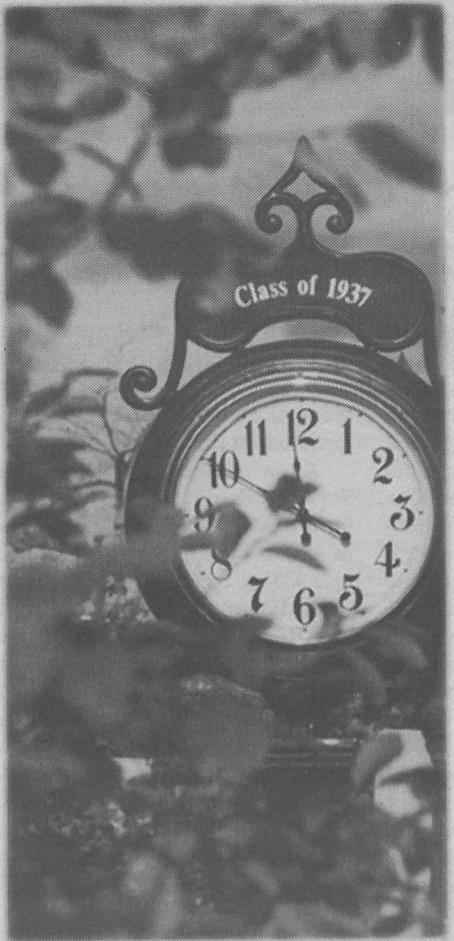
Second, the president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity issued a statement on the "secret meanings" of the shoes. It was, simply enough, "Our position is strictly that it is a tree of shoes." If this is the official statement, then it should be treat-

ed as such. This uncompromising insistence by WIN on what is almost admittedly a hearsay rumor, furthered by this determination to get one's own way, is becoming little more than a display of immaturity and self-righteousness.

Third, anyone who seriously believes that the removal of the shoes is going to signify a new sense of security is naive. The issue here is respect, and the fact is, respect has to be earned. It cannot be badgered out of people. It does not magically appear based on race and gender, and it will certainly not disappear when the shoes come down.

-Heather Neilson senior

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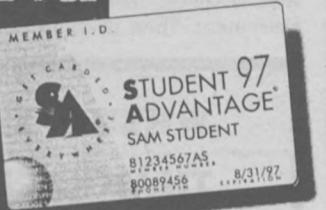
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Panel explores role of women in religion

BY MARGARET MAGEE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Representatives from six different faiths came together to discuss the influence of women in religion during an Interfaith Panel discussion Saturday.

Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, the Bahai faith, Muslim and Eastern religions were included in the discussion. After the representative of each belief gave a brief overview of their religion, differences in the way the scriptures of each faith depicted women were pointed out.

Sandhya Reju, a second-year GW law student, talked about how the story of Adam and Eve influenced the role of women in Christian churches.

In Christianity, Reju said, women were traditionally not able to achieve high rank in the church as pastors or ministers, but this role is changing in society. Today, many women become leaders of their church and are able to hold the same responsibilities as men.

The sense of community and family in Judaism was explained by Debra Shaffer, a senior majoring in international politics. She said the Jewish religion emphasizes the woman as a pillar of strength for the family.

"Women are thought to have a more spiritual, intuitive sense about them," Shaffer said.

Khotan Shahbazi, a program officer with the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, pointed out that in the Bahai religion there is no priesthood because there is a direct relationship between man and the creator. She said no spiritual difference exists between men and women, but women have the role of educating their children.

Hinduism was discussed by a man who calls himself "Kirsh," a consultant in public relations for Hindu temples. He said the basic premise of the Hindu religion is "karma," the belief that for whatever actions one takes, they will come back to that person. Kirsh said this is how the soul achieves freedom, because all of one's actions are by his or her own accord.

Unlike the Christian and Jewish faiths, there are no scriptures and the faith is only meant as a model for behavior. He added that women are equal to men in two basic principles of Hinduism: worshipping of God and honoring the rites of passage in life.

Professor Molly Frost, who teaches courses in Chinese literature, gave an overview of Confucianism, Buddhism and Taoism, contrasting Eastern religion with Western religion because, she said, they are not exclusive systems of belief.

Eastern religions believe in cyclical time rather than the linear time of many Western cultures. These religions emphasize harmony, which can be seen through the concept of Yin and Yang. This symbol shows how the male and female roles differ, but they are not opposed to each other and one does not dominate the other.

The Muslim religion was discussed by Shareefa Alkhateeb, vice president for the North American Council for Muslim Women and an activist for Muslim women.

"The belief in one God is the single overpowering, constant theme in the Muslim religion," Alkhateeb said.

Like the other religions, she stated that the single soul in spirituality is gender-neutral and God goes beyond all limitations, including time, space, self and gender.

CORRECTION

The article "Student offices undergo \$200,000 renovation" on p. 6 of the Nov. 21 edition of The GW Hatchet should have said all

the furniture will be installed within the next two weeks. The renovations will be completed by Dec. 9.

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New trustees bring expertise to Board

GW recruits Holder, Rockefeller, Tocklin

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

The University announced last week the addition of three members to the Board of Trustees, each of whom will serve a three-year term.

U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Eric H. Holder Jr., WETA President and Chief Executive Officer Sharon Percy Rockefeller and GW alumna Adrian M. Tocklin will join the Board of Trustees in overseeing the University.

"Each of these exceptional individuals brings immense talent, experience and stature to an already stellar board," GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg said in a press release. "We welcome them into the GW family and look forward to their service and leadership as we move rapidly toward the new millennium."

Holder brings an extensive record of legal experience to the board after serving as U.S. Attorney in the District since 1993. Prior to serving as U.S. Attorney, Holder sat on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for five years as associate judge.

After graduating from Columbia College and getting his start at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund,

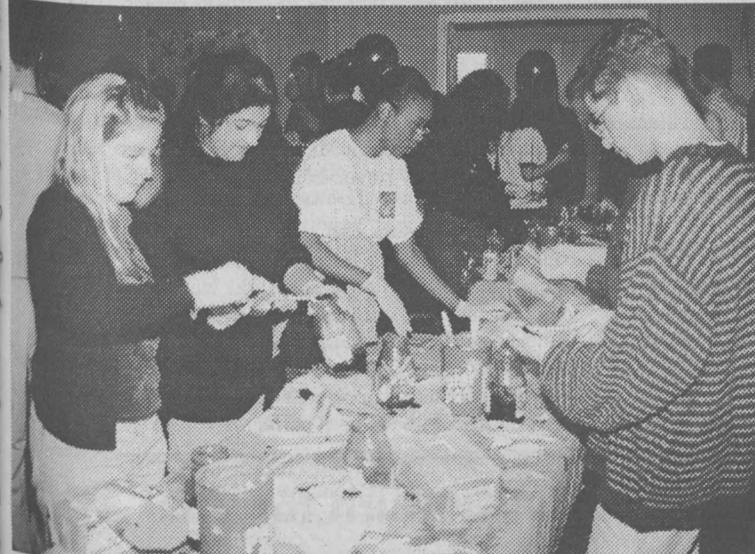
Students 'jam' to help area homeless at Hillel

The Student Association, the Program Board and GW Hillel co-sponsored the "Pajama Jam" Saturday night in an effort to bring students together to help the homeless.

The Pajama Jam was held at the Gewirz Center and featured various types of entertainment and activities including a live performance from the GW band "Sputnik Fly," a DJ and the movie *Blues Brothers*.

Sputnick Fly and "Aaron the DJ" both donated their time to the event. Free food and prizes also were given out, but the main reason for Pajama Jam was to gather support by making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless.

-Martine Price



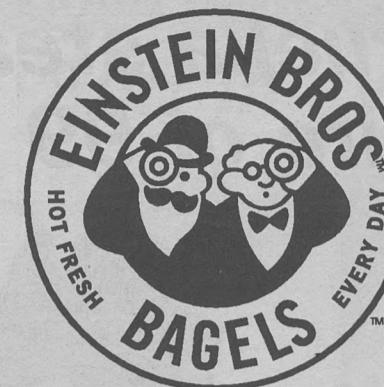
Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor
Students at Pajama Jam made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless at Hillel Saturday night.

Holder went on to work at the U.S. Department of Justice in the public integrity section, investigating corruption at the local, state and federal levels.

Rockefeller has headed the District public television station WETA since 1989 as president and CEO. She previously served as a member of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting's board of directors and has also sat on the boards of PepsiCo, the Washington Board of Trade and the National Gallery of Art.

Tocklin is the president of diversified operations for Chicago-based CNA Insurance Companies. After receiving her bachelor's degree in philosophy from GW, Tocklin went on to earn her law degree from Seton Hall University. She worked for Continental Insurance as a claim officer before eventually becoming president and chief operating officer.

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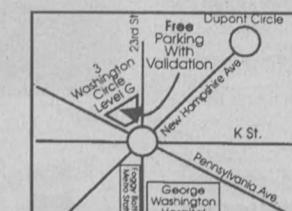
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Close's Cruella steals show with capture of 99 puppies

BY ERIN J. PIETROWSKI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

High expectations are the norm for such anticipated holiday films as *Evita*, *Ransom* and *101 Dalmatians* (Walt Disney Pictures).

101 Dalmatians is the second of the three Disney films to open so far. With *Ransom* receiving such lukewarm reviews, one begins to wonder whether movie trailers really show the "true" movie you pay \$7 to see.

To put it simply, *101 Dalmatians* is different than *Ransom* in that respect. This film meets the expectations of moviegoers, and might even surpass expectations for some adults who thought Disney films are for children. After seeing *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, I'm really not sure who would still think Disney movies are just for kids, though.

This adaptation of the Dodie Smith novel and Disney animated classic of the same title is a modern version of the two. Roger (Jeff Daniels, *Dumb and Dumber*) is a computer game designer rather than a composer. Anita (Joely Richardson, *I'll Do Anything*), unemployed in previous versions, actually has a job in this one — she works for Cruella De Vil as a fashion designer for the House of De Vil. The wonderful Joan Plowright (*Jane Eyre*) plays Nanny, the spunky, older housekeeper.

And then there's Cruella De Vil, played brilliantly by Glenn Close (*Hamlet*, *Fatal Attraction*). Did anyone really believe she could play it any other way but brilliantly? Of course, her outrageous costumes,



When Glenn Close's Cruella can't buy the puppies to make her Dalmatian dress, she is forced to steal them.

hair and makeup have a lot to do with her ability to pull off the role. Three-time Oscar-winning costume designer Anthony Powell assisted Close in reaching Cruella perfection. What really brings Cruella to life are Close's maniacal eyes, thunderous voice and uncanny resemblance to the cartoon Cruella.

The plot follows the same lines as the book and cartoon. Cruella desires the puppies' fur for a fabulous Dalmatian dress, so she steals them. The 15 puppies born to Roger's and Anita's Dalmatians Pongo and Perdy up the total to 99 that Cruella has captured. The rest of the film is the rescue of the 99

puppies from an abandoned house in the country. Some of the scenes follow the cartoon, and some do not. Cruella's demise differs from the cartoon, but runs along the lines of a John Hughes production ... think how Macaulay Culkin did in the villains of *Home Alone*.

Besides being really well made, and besides the character of Cruella De Vil, the reason this movie will be a huge holiday hit is because adults can enjoy it, too. A lot of the humor is aimed at adults, and a lot of the visual humor is childish, but the mix works to make this film live up to expectations.

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Everything is Peachy (Epic)
Do We Speak a... (Mercury)
Being There (Reprise)
Losing Streak (Capitol)
Aenima (Zoo)
Beats, Rhymes & Life (Jive)
Everything Sucks (Epitaph)
Black Dots (Caroline)
Butter (Grand Royal)
About To Choke (Capitol)
Pinkerton (DGC)
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Soundgarden genius ignored in mosh pit

BY MATT STUMPF
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

About half-way through Wednesday's show at the Patriot Center, Soundgarden lead singer Chris Cornell stepped up onto his monitor as his band slipped into the hook and chorus of "Outshined," the hit that announced the band's arrival as rock superstars and the beginning of the Seattle scene — a scene that is only now starting to run out of momentum.

He leaned forward through the bright white lights, peering into the chaos below him and then quickly turned his head away, seemingly in disgust. Cornell knew he had created a monster. Control of his music was non-existent, for it had passed into the hands of the 13- and 14-year-olds knocking the hell out of each other in the front rows. They paid no attention to the amazing music being created in front of them.

"Make no mistake/I am what you make me," cried out Cornell during Superunknown's (A&M Records) "Let Me Down." Apparently, the grunge scene, such a vital force on modern music, has become a withered reflection of itself.

It is by no means the bands' fault. Wednesday night's Soundgarden show was almost perfect — powerful but tastefully musical. Pearl Jam's recent *No Code* (Epic) is equally as powerful and vital. As these bands reinvent the genre with each new release, the fans replicate the same boring, uninspired actions, going through the steps as if there was a how-to guide to enjoying hard rock concerts, in an almost farcical commentary on what popular music has become.

Above the steamy crowd was a focused Soundgarden. Though the set list read like a "Best of Soundgarden," the band was able to rip through each of its over-played songs passionately, as if it was the first time members had played through them, rather than a simple task after months of touring.

Cornell played by himself through "Black Hole Sun," the song MTV has murdered. As he mournfully pushed his vocal chords on the line "No one sings like you anymore," he brought back the saddening images of the death of Mother Love Bone singer Andrew Wood. It was as intimate a moment as anyone could share with an arena filled with adrenaline-driven teens.

The quartet moved with more and more energy as the show progressed. After canceling shows in Boston and New York last week, Cornell's ailing vocal chords showed no wear, and he was well able to keep up with the tight trio of guitarist Kim Thayil, bassist Kim Shepard and the ever-popular and ever-talented Matt Cameron.

Playing through a slower, but more textured version of the Beatles' "Helter Skelter," Cornell and Thayil matched each other note-for-note, with a sense of mutual musical knowledge that only comes with years of playing together night after night.

As the night came to a close, the band played *Badmotorfinger's* (A&M) "Jesus Christ Pose," and Cornell stretched his arms in his Christ pose. Hopefully, fans won't crucify grunge — Seattle still has much to give the music world.

Bob Marley multi-media collection an instant classic for reggae fans

BY LESLY HALLMAN
HATCHET REPORTER

Soul Almighty: The Formative Years Volume I (JAD Records) is the latest of numerous Bob Marley compilations to hit record stores. But this recording takes a new approach to Marley's mystique — an interactive one.

Soul Almighty features four previously unreleased tracks, taken from more than 200 songs Marley recorded with JAD in the mid-1960s. Three of the songs are modern remixes, which complement the simple recording style of Marley's unmastered originals.

"Stranger On the Shore" is the best of the new tracks. It shows the strong influence rhythm and blues had on the early stage of Marley's career, while he was trying to break into the American music market in the 1960s.

While all of the unreleased tracks are phenomenal, the most exciting part of the disc is the accompanying

interactive CD-ROM. It is an absolute necessity for any Marley fan or pseudo-fan to buy. Music and color lead the user through the incredible history of Marley's life and music.

The CD-ROM section entitled "Troddin' Thru' Babylon" provides a complete chronology of Marley's life, from his birth in 1945 to his death in 1981. Users can click on highlights leading to related information on other parts of the CD. "The Gallery" features a complete list of the songs Marley released from 1962-1980, accompanied by never-before-seen photos of Marley at work and play.

CD-ROM users can also hear the first widespread release of "Selassie Is the Chapel," Marley's rare rasta spiritual of which only 26 copies were ever made.

The disc contains so much good stuff that Marley fans should buy it immediately. With two more discs slated for release within a year, and nine discs total to be released by the project's end, this Marley collection will definitely become a collector's item.

The **WEEKEND** will return for your entertainment pleasure on December 5.

SPOTLIGHT

Spanning the globe for dirt

GW senior's odd collection gains national exposure

BY JESSICA GLASSER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

What did you collect when you were little? Baseball cards? Comic books? Postcards from every state? Dirt?

That's right, dirt. Not considered to be a glorious activity with a bountiful future, one might not choose dirt to hide from mom and keep for years. But senior Dan Blair thinks otherwise.

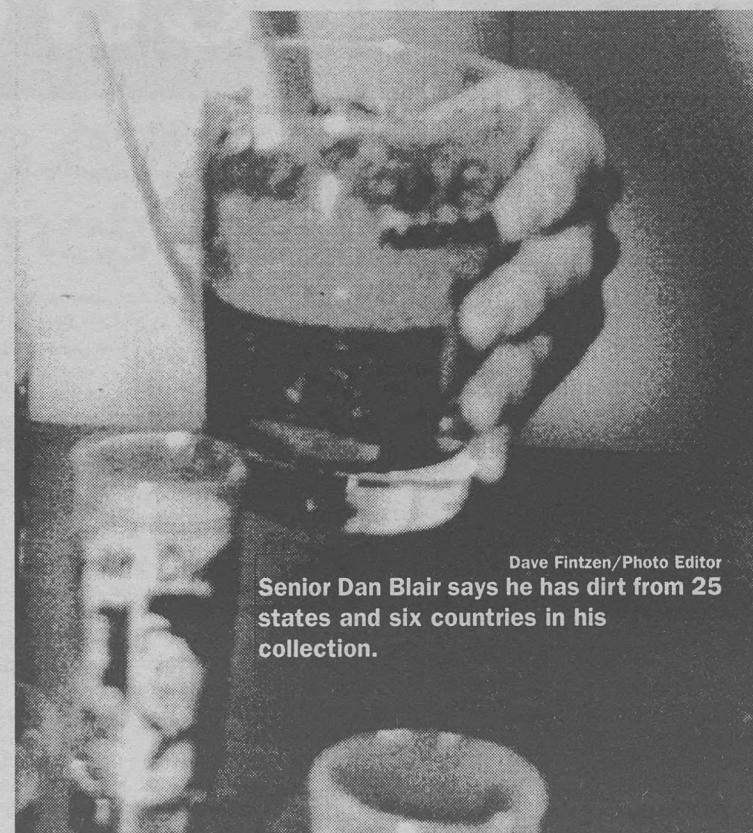
"I think bringing dirt which was formed over the course of millions of years in very different places of the world within inches of each other demands fascination from anyone who thinks intensely about it," says Blair, who started his dirt collection three years ago.

It all began at the Grand Canyon. Blair noticed "some brick-red, beautiful dirt" while visiting the natural wonder and decided a sample of it would be the best way to remember it forever. He then traveled to Las Vegas, and it was "all over from there."

In the year and a half that Blair has seriously devoted time to his collection, he has obtained 35 samples from 25 states and six countries. But Blair doesn't just gather any old dirt by the side of the road.

"I suppose a good sample is one that diversifies the collection in color, texture or, maybe, just where it came from," he says. Aside from the Grand Canyon, other samples have originated in Graceland, Tenn., the grounds of what was once a German concentration camp and Fargo, N.D.

Blair keeps the dirt in a shot glass or souvenir glass from where it was taken, and then covers the



Dave Fintzen/Photo Editor
Senior Dan Blair says he has dirt from 25 states and six countries in his collection.

glass with saran wrap.

"Moving it is the hard part, because you have to separate and label all the dirt as well as protect the glasses," he says.

Some of Blair's well-intentioned friends learned that fact the hard way. Upon returning to the United States from Prague, Czech Republic, with a foreign sample, the glass carrying their dirt broke in customs.

"They had glass and dirt all throughout their luggage," Blair recalls.

Blair is not alone in his quest for samples. Earlier this semester, The Washington Post's Travel Fest 1996 had a souvenir show that featured Blair's collection alongside those of 12 other dirt connoisseurs

from around the country.

The show gave Blair an opportunity to network with some other collectors. In fact, if all goes according to plan, some ashes from Mount St. Helens in Washington should arrive in the mail any day. His collection received rave reviews from his peers and the public.

Where does he see his collection 10 years from now? Blair says he hopes to expand his dirt specimens into other reaches of the galaxy. He has applied to NASA to receive some dirt from the moon.

Students interested in viewing this collection of the "only real souvenir" can visit Blair's web site at gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~sucker/dirt.html.

Students on campus for break have many options for dinner

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN AND KRISTIAN HOUSE
HATCHET STAFF WRITERS

For a significant portion of the GW community, the Thanksgiving weekend will be like any other in Washington.

Many students from the west coast and the midwest, as well as international students, will not be able to go home for the holiday because the break is too short to spend the money on airfare. So, most will either spend the break with relatives or friends on the east coast or just stay on campus for the weekend.

Those staying in the residence halls, which will remain open for the break, may be in search of a good place to go for Thanksgiving dinner. Have no fear, because there are a couple options on campus, as well as numerous good selections in the city.

Senior Jennifer Stauffacher, a resident assistant in Munson Hall, said she will be the only RA on duty in both Munson and JBKO halls. She lives in Wisconsin and didn't think it would be economical to fly home for the short break.

Stauffacher said she doesn't mind staying in the residence hall and working, because she is making extra money on the holiday. She said she will use the quiet time to catch up on her studies.

Since she will be here, though, Stauffacher said she wants to have a nice dinner. So she arranged for the Office of Residential Life to sponsor a feast in her room for any students in the hall who have nothing planned

for the holiday.

Stauffacher said she thinks the international students in Munson will benefit the most from the experience.

"I think it will be a neat opportunity for the international students to learn something about American history and traditions," she explained.

Six students have committed to the dinner so far, and anyone else in the two halls is welcome to come, Stauffacher said. Students can sign up at her room in Munson 401.

Chris Steinke, a resident in Munson Hall, said he also decided to stay on campus to save money by not flying home to Wisconsin. He said he doesn't think the weekend will be that bad, though.

"I know quite a few people that are staying, and it helps that the RA is staying. She's going to make food," he said.

If nothing is going on in your residence hall, there is one other option on campus.

The Alumni House will sponsor the Alum-ni/Student Holiday Luncheon Thursday between noon and 2 p.m. Talk to GW alumni while enjoying a complimentary Thanksgiving meal at the Alumni House, 714 21st Street. In order to attend, you must call 994-6435 to RSVP by Tuesday and bring your student ID on Thanksgiving day.

Besides these ideas, the best bet is to check out area restaurants for any buffets or meals they may be offering in step with the holiday character.

Surf in cyberspace while sipping a latte

BY CLAIRE DUGGAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

In an age when coffee shops are so common that a Starbucks is on every corner, it seems the last thing anyone would notice is another cafe.

However, this does not hold true for Atomic Grounds, a coffee shop in Arlington, Va., which is not your ordinary place to get a cup of cappuccino. Although the idea for a cyberlounge (a cafe with computers and Internet capabilities) is not a new innovation by any means, it is the only one of its kind in the D.C. area.

Atomic Grounds has the staples you may expect from a coffee shop — such as regular and decaf coffees — but the cafe also has something new called "Atomic Fusions." These are specialized lattes that combine two shots of espresso with flavored syrups. The "Einstein's Mocha," for example, mixes chocolate, caramel, coconut and hazelnut with the espresso. All the Fusions are double shots, except the "Going Critical," which is a straight five-shot latte.

When you first walk into Atomic Grounds, you notice the bright, colorful decor and comfortable atmosphere. Various pieces of art hang on the walls, and the overall casual ambiance is defined by big, soft chairs in a corner of the store. Christine Shelly and Dominic Pisciotta, the owners of the cafe, said they plan to have a rotating series of artists display their work, as well as have local musicians perform in the future.

In addition, Atomic Grounds has six computers on site that are connected to the Internet. The cost for Internet access is \$6.50 per hour, although there are different fees for such programs as Telnet and Microsoft Office. The owners say the computers do not bring in as much money as the coffee does, though.

Shelly and Pisciotta have been out of college for two years. The co-owners of Atomic Grounds said they never imagined themselves owning their own business. Pisciotta said he was surprised no one had opened a similar store in the area, adding that a friend of his gave him the idea.

Both Shelly and Pisciotta did extensive research to get ready for their new business. They worked for a year at Politics and Prose, a coffeehouse in northwest Washington, and Pisciotta also worked in a coffee cart on Capitol Hill.

"We knew we had to research the demographics of coffee, because the coffee side would have to support us," Pisciotta said.

According to the two young owners, financing a business is hard work. They found that getting investments was difficult for young entrepreneurs like themselves.

"It all takes a lot of money. There are a lot of barriers. People don't take people our age seriously, they see us as a risk," Pisciotta explained.

Although Atomic Grounds may have been difficult to start and finance, its owners say they enjoy being their own bosses and setting their own hours.

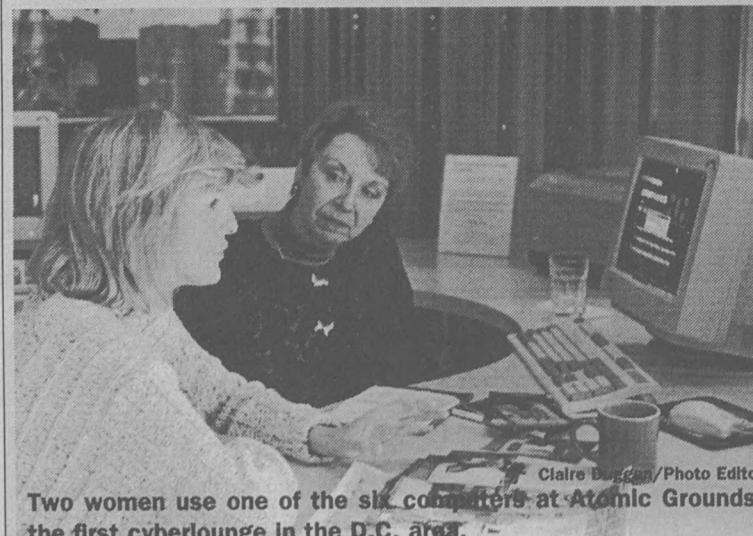
"People don't want to work at a job from nine to five anymore, and technology has made this possible ... small business owners are working harder than those working nine to five," Shelly added.

Pisciotta said it is a natural progression for people in the so-called "Generation X" to start small businesses. The job market is not as secure as it used to be, and technology has "created non-traditional jobs and a different work culture," he said.

"This is certainly not something I want to do for the rest of my life," Shelly said. She added, though, that they do have the site leased for the next five years. They are focused on those next five years to make a success of their business, she said.

Atomic Grounds is two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro stop at 1555 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. For more information, visit their web site at <http://www.atomic-grounds.com> or call (703) 524-2157.

-Nina Mehta contributed to this report.



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Two women use one of the six computers at Atomic Grounds, the first cyberlounge in the D.C. area.

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Plan trips early with airlines' help

BY EMILY PHELPS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Spring break is an exciting but costly venture for most college students. For those who are looking forward to getting away but fear the damage to the wallet, don't despair. There are ways of getting lower-priced vacations — you simply must know where to look.

Marie, a representative from Continental Airlines who declined to give her last name, described Cancun as "the place" college students go for spring break.

"Cancun is the most economical," she explained. "There's the sun, the beach, the gorgeous water, and there is no language barrier. Everything's there."

She also advised, when planning a vacation, to call for packages instead of booking plane tickets and hotel accommodations separately. Many of the major airlines have special divisions that plan these package vacations. When one calls an airline, one should ask to be transferred to the department that plans vacations, Marie said.

Once there, the agent will ask for the location, number of persons traveling, departure and arrival dates, as well as the price range the person wishes to pay for hotel accommodations. Based on the information, the agent will price a vacation.

For example, Marie created a sample vacation to Cancun that would cost \$801.24 per person. This includes round-trip direct flights from BWI airport in Baltimore and seven nights in a hotel room shared with one other person. Transfers from the airport to hotel are also included in the deal.

Jean, a USAir agent who also would not give her last name, suggested students pay attention to the airports they use.

"Whenever (students) want to make reservations, have the agent check all three (area) airports because sometimes it makes a big difference," she said.

John Thomas, another representative from USAir, priced a week-long trip from BWI airport to Nassau, Bahamas at \$647.95 per person. Included is round-trip airfare, transfers and a hotel room for four people for a week.

(see PLANES, p. 3)

Students to rebuild houses in Texas

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN
FEATURES EDITOR

For some GW students, there is more to spring break than just sun, beer, beaches and beer. Some choose to do something productive during their break.

For the past five years, the campus Ecumenical Christian Ministry has organized a group of students to travel to different corners of the earth to do community service. This year, 14 students will spend their spring break helping to fix up houses in poor areas of La Seria, Texas, on the Texas-Mexico border.

Rev. Laureen Smith is coordinating the trip, but senior Jennifer Stauffacher and junior Lisa Mantoni will lead the students to Texas. Stauffacher said the group held meetings last month, at which they accepted 14 students to go on the mission.

Stauffacher said the small group of students will raise funds through organizations and churches they find to sponsor them. Last year, she said the group raised enough money to pay for the entire trip to Ghana, in western Africa.

Mantoni said GW students have been to the same town in Texas several times before to participate in community service projects. Stauffacher added that some of the money they raise will go toward materials for the housing projects, and the rest will be spent on airfare for the students.

The group will stay with host families for the week to save money and learn more about the deeply religious culture of the area.

While the students are so close to Mexico, Stauffacher said they will probably pop in for another "educational experience" and to do some shopping.

She also said the trip allows students to do something positive and productive on their spring breaks, something they can feel good about.

"You grow a lot and learn a lot about yourself in helping others," she explained. "It teaches you spring break is more than having fun in the sun, you can use your time wisely to help others."

Mantoni echoed those sentiments.

"It's a different approach to spring break," she said. "Just working side by side with the people who live in these areas gives you a whole different outlook on life."

She added that it is too late for students to sign up for this spring's trip, but interested students should call the Ministry next September for details on next year's excursion.

Read the details in free trip ads before packing

BY OTIS TOWNS
HATCHET REPORTER

There is no such thing as a free lunch, but what about a free vacation?

Now that the weather is becoming really dismal, several tourism companies are offering — or claiming to offer — free spring break trips in their newspaper ads and flyers. No doubt you've seen the ads that scream "Go Free!" with pictures of beautiful, warm places that are almost impossible to imagine in this climate.

These ads are appealing, but before you start packing your sunscreen and straw hat, you'd better know about the catch.

According to Robert — an operator for Student Travel Service, a company that advertises free trips in publications such as The GW Hatchet — there are two kinds of companies that advertise spring break trips: tour operators and tour companies.

Robert, who declined to give his last name, said he has had experiences with both kinds of companies. When he called one of the tour companies, he said "All they wanted from me was my credit card number." He said he quickly learned that tour companies just want to sell trips.

According to Robert, tour operators don't want to sell you trips, they want you to sell trips to other people. What Robert described as the process of earning the free trip promised in the ad sounded almost like a job, even if "80 percent of it is just hanging up flyers." He said STS sends you its advertising flyers with your name and number printed on them. You put these flyers up all over campus, and people see them and call you to make arrangements for their trips.

You become a travel agent, in a sense, and once you've sold 15 trips, you get a free trip of your own. If you get tired of taking free trips, you can simply collect a five percent commission with every trip you sell. It sounds like reasonable work — there is no pressure to sell within a given time limit or to sell at all — but it's still work, so the trips you get aren't exactly free.

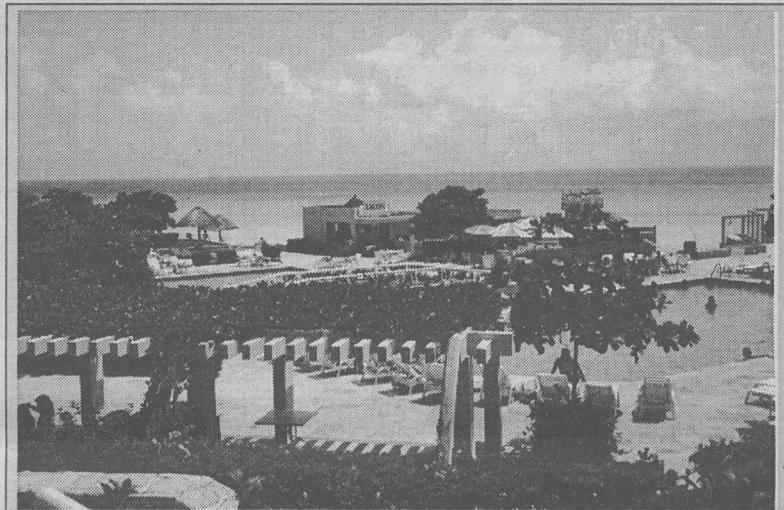
Companies like Sun Splash Tours, which also put out flashy flyers with pictures of sunny places, have a slightly different mode of operation. According to its flyer, if you "organize a small group," you can get a free trip. Their operator, Sven, didn't offer much clarification

or his last name.

"What do you need to get a free trip? Get a group of 15 people to pay for a trip, and you, being the 16th person, would get to go free," he explained.

So there are two ways to get away for spring break without

spending your money: Become a part-time travel agent, or convince your friends and their friends they should take a vacation and pay for your trip, too. Either way, there is still a cost, but it might be worth looking into to get away from the city for a week.



Jennifer Ellick/GW Hatchet
The ocean was the same turquoise-blue color as the hotel pool in Cancun, Mexico.

Many beers to be had on STS trip

BY JENNIFER ELLICK
HATCHET REPORTER

Editor's note: The writer took a Student Travel Services trip in September to Cancun, Mexico, and Montego Bay, Jamaica.

One would expect to party some when taking a trip to Cancun and Montego Bay. But non-stop alcohol consumption from 20,000 feet over Virginia to departure from Montego Bay was not what I expected.

Customs in Cancun was no big deal — the agent asked no questions and was even nice enough to stamp my passport. Every two feet or so another person was handing me some flier telling me to go somewhere or do something ... kind of like Student Association election time at GW.

After the group made it through the airport, we boarded the buses. Student Travel Services had lined up waiting to transport us to our respective hotels. The bus ride took about 25 minutes, because the Calinda Beach Hotel is near the end of the peninsula. Check-in was no problem, just a little hectic with so many people checking in at once, but they seemed ready for us. From the time we got off the plane until we left, we felt the hot and humid September air. Luckily, the hotel rooms were air-conditioned.

The hotel next to the Calinda Beach was the Costa Real. The group attended a welcome reception there, which was nice with open bar and a hot buffet of finger food. I quickly learned that everyone wants to be a DJ in Cancun — bellhops, taxi drivers, bartenders, etc. We had fun with our DJ for the night. Of course, he played the Macarena.

After the reception, we were off to one of the largest and most popular clubs in the city, LaBoom Disco. LaBoom has a pretty cool laser show and it was once again an open bar for the STS group.

The next day after our hotel tours, STS treated us to lunch at Pat O'Briens. Everyone at my table got one of the restaurant's world-famous Hurricanes. I took the glass home with me. The restaurant is definitely worth stopping by — it was beautiful having lunch outside overlooking the bay.

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SPRING BREAK TRAVEL GUIDE

GW Travel offers four break trips

BY ERIN J. PIETROWSKI
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

With the end of the fall semester quickly approaching, spring break no longer seems like such a far-off dream. However, with winter quickly approaching, many of us may wish that far-off dream started tomorrow. For some students, spring break is a time to go

home, get rested up for finals and spend time with family. But for a majority of students, spring break is a time to stay up for 168 hours straight, party by the poolside, get completely trashed and leave unprepared for the upcoming finals rush.

To encourage the party-'til-you-pass-out-lifestyle, GW Travel is offering four spring break getaways to Jamaica, Mexico, Florida (all through the company Student Travel Services)

and the Bahamas.

The Jamaica package lets the vacationer choose from almost 20 hotels in the Montego Bay and Negril areas. Prices range from \$399 to \$929, depending on how many people are in your party and which hotel and airport you pick.

The Mexico package specifies that the trip is to Cancun. It offers a choice of more than 10 hotels. Prices range from \$399 to \$1,179. The Jamaica

and Cancun packages include round-trip airfare as well as transportation between the airport and the hotel.

The Florida package travels to either Panama City Beach or Daytona Beach, with prices ranging from \$109 to \$319. It does not include airfare. However, if you book now, you'll probably get a better deal than if you wait until the week before spring break.

All three packages include seven nights in the hotel, all hotel taxes and gratuities, access to the STS staff on-location 24 hours and the "STS Party Package" — parties at popular clubs, various activities and discounts to clubs, shopping centers and restaurants.

The package to Nassau in the Bahamas is not through STS and has no specific prices yet, but Ahmed Barak, branch manager of GW Travel, said to expect similar price ranges

and accommodations as the other three deals.

None of the packages include meals, so be prepared to starve or live on beer for a week. In addition, plan on leaving from Baltimore's BWI airport if you're departing from the D.C. area.

Barak encouraged students to act intelligently and travel through a respectable, responsible company. "We know (STS). The students will get what they pay for," he said. Just be sure to book the trip by Dec. 15, because prices increase after that, he advised.

Barak warned against booking trips through pamphlets handed out on the street. He said you can never tell if the company is legitimate, or if you'll really have a hotel room once you arrive with luggage in hand and partying in mind.

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Contest winner

GW sophomore Sid Chick is the winner of The Hatchet's spring break photo contest with this photo of two raccoons sharing an intimate moment outside his cousin's home in Key West, Fla.

Chick, a marketing and finance major from Coral Springs, Fla., said the raccoons didn't stop what they were doing once they were discovered.

"It's just one of those adorable pictures I've been meaning to have blown up and hang outside my door," Chick said.

-Karen D. Ancillai

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Planes not only travel option

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Thomas said students also should ask for "super-saver" rates at hotels in order to get the best deal. Some hotels have these rates for 10 to 14 rooms, which are \$100 to \$125 less expensive than regular rooms, he said.

For the proposed trip to Nassau, he booked a super-saver room. Also included in the trip is two-for-one admission to the hotel's fun club and a free excursion on a catamaran.

Thomas also advised people to be aware that some hotels have age requirements for their clients. Some hotels require at least one person to be older than 21, while others require that everyone has to be older than 18 to stay in the room. When planning the trip, he also booked flights that were during the afternoon or late morning.

"You're getting the flights nobody wants. If you want the 6 a.m. flight where you're on the beach by 10 a.m., you'll be paying about \$500 more," he said.

Tim Roney, a ticket agent with American Airlines, gave some hints for finding less expensive plane tickets. First, he suggested buying an entertainment book in which coupons for \$25 discounts on American Airlines tickets can be found.

These entertainment books, he said, can be found in grocery stores or by calling 1-800-926-0565. Roney also said places such as Nieman Marcus, Eddie Bauer or even Coca-Cola sometimes offer airfare discounts.

Robert Moore, another American Airlines representative, said international flights are also cheaper on weekdays. For example, one can save \$40 by flying to Nassau on a Monday instead of on a Friday or Saturday. When flying domestically, leaving on weekends costs less, he added.

Patience is the key to finding the best possible trip at the lowest price. It may be necessary to call several different airlines. It may not always be possible to get a direct flight, but that may save money. In addition, act quickly, because rates change and flights and hotels fill up quickly.

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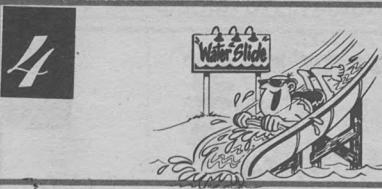
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STS trip to Cancun, Jamaica a good time

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There is a lot to do in Cancun during the day besides laying out (as if some people need more to do). Because there was no sun by the time we returned to the hotel that afternoon, I decided to join four guys who were going snorkeling. I'm glad I did - I saw an octopus, lots of fish and two barracudas.

Afterwards, we got a couple of beers at the bar in the middle of the beach. Coronas were only 14 pesos, or about \$2. Then we went up to our rooms to shower and rest for about eight minutes before it was off to Fat Tuesdays for drinks before the night's entertainment, a cruise. Everyone had daiquiris. We danced a little bit but mostly talked as we sat, over-looking the ocean under the bright stars.

The next thing I knew, we were boarding a boat to take the group to Isla Mujeres. The boat had an open bar. It seemed we were traveling about 10 miles per hour, but it was wonderful sitting on the top deck looking at the hundreds and hundreds of stars go by up in the sky. I can't remember the name of the crazy man who was the DJ, but he must have mentioned the Redskins every 30 seconds.

The buffet on the boat was quite extensive. By that time I realized that watching your diet is hard to do in Mexico. And if you're a vegetarian, forget it. After dinner, we had a Caribbean Carnival, which is a singing and dancing and audience participation show. Once again, it was open bar. The guys running the event didn't think we were drinking enough, so they were circulating through the audience making sure everyone had a drink in hand at all times.

The next morning, we were up bright and early to catch an early flight to Montego Bay. Alcohol from Mexico is inexpensive there. I bought an Aztec-shaped bottle of Kahlua for around \$7.50.

Hotels in Montego Bay are not as nice as in other Caribbean resort destinations. Nonetheless, our hotel, Doctor's Cave, was nice with beautifully-landscaped grounds. The best lodgings there are the villas. These large homes have four or five bedrooms. Each has its own pool and backyard. All are fully furnished, with a live-in housekeeper and cook on call. It's ideal for fraternities or sororities on vacation together and not a bad deal at \$549 per person for a week. For an additional fee, you can have a van and driver available for you.

We spent the night in Montego Bay at Margaritaville and it was lots of fun. Margaritaville has a hot tub on the roof with a bar and dance floor. On the first floor is a regular bar with satellite TVs. It was a good thing because no one wanted to miss the college football games. It was an early night because of our lack of sleep the previous nights.

In the morning, I hit the market for what I thought would be a quick trip. But the local merchants were so persistent, bothering my friend and me to look at their wares that it took longer than I thought. Then, we laid out by the pool for a little more than an hour. I wore sunscreen but got burned anyway.

And then it was off to the airport. Alcohol is inexpensive there, as well. Myers rum costs less than \$6.50. I came back with two large, wrapped boxes. If you do this be careful when going through U.S. customs, because sometimes they card people carrying alcohol. It's best to have someone over the age of 21 walk it through for you.

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Cummins says SA is worried about image

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bills are now unknown.

"The feeling in the rest of the academic affairs committee was that the bills that we passed now have little to no chance of ever being enacted," Cummins said. "Based on the information given to (Cleary) at the (Faculty Senate) meeting, this seemed to be the only logical conclusion."

The bills limited discussions and recitations to 20 students, and both were passed by the SA Senate. They needed to be approved by the Joint Committee of Faculty and Students and GW Vice President for Academic Affairs Donald Lehman to take effect.

The SA has had a limited role in working with the administration on this issue.

"The bills can't tell anyone to do anything," Papadopoulos said. "What they do is let the administration know the students' position on this issue."

McKenna said, "I don't think they should be increasing classes, from a student's perspective."

McKenna, however, was not yet ready to take action. "Everything is word of mouth at this point, and we are going to Lehman and (Faculty Senate Executive Committee Chair John) Boswell."

"We're going to find out more before we render any judgment," McKenna said. "If the deans really feel it will be better for everybody, then we will see if it is good for students."

Vice President for Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak predicted that it will not be possible to cap class sizes. "My suspicion is we won't be able to accommodate (decreased class size) because we'd have to increase room inventory," said Vice President for

Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak.

Cummins was quick to blame the SA for its lack of response. "The SA is too concerned with looking good at the expense of the few issues that really matter," she said. "My constituents have told me they think the SA is full of student politicians, and now I am starting to agree ... that the SA doesn't really get anything done."

"The leaders look good, but what do they really do?" she asked.

Cummins was quick to point out that the blame also lies with her. "I realize I am criticizing myself and the Senate as well," she said.

Cummins claimed she and other graduate students will approach the administration directly and stated that "this issue is too important for me not to speak out."

Executive Director of Enrollment Management and Admissions Fred Siegel said that, as of now, there is not a substantial increase scheduled in enrollment. "No official decision has been made, but in discussions I have been having, 1,700 (undergraduate freshmen) is the maximum number ... we are recruiting."

The Class of 2000 consists of 1,638 freshmen. "The difference between 1,638 and 1,700 doesn't have a material effect on student life," Siegel said.

Siegel acknowledged that the number could change at any time.

Katz said he was not certain of the reasons behind the graduate enrollment decrease.

"This could be because we have a lot of social science programs," he said, adding that "the economy is also doing well. People don't have time to go back to school."

-Ilene Clauson contributed to this report.

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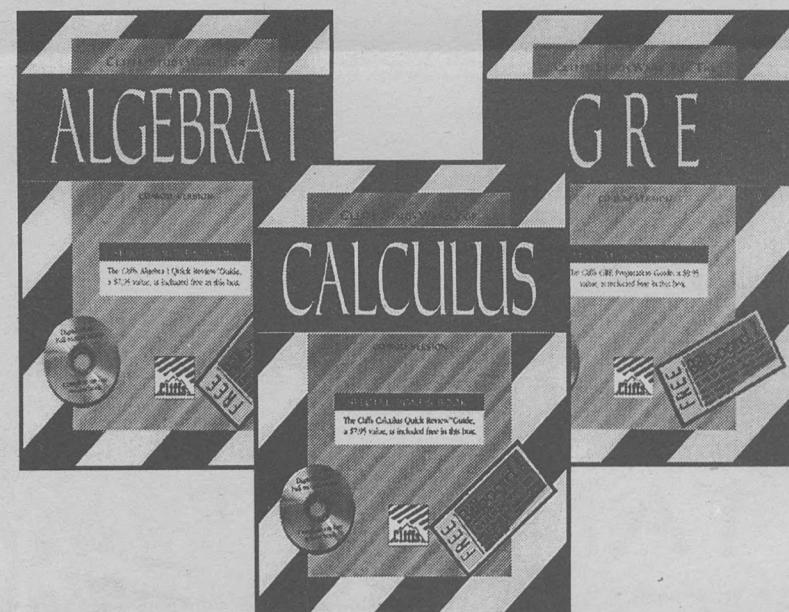
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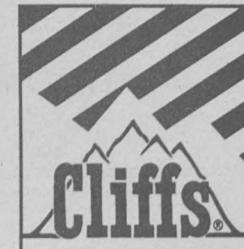
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Analysts say Paula Jones will be back to haunt Clinton

BY KATHRYN MAESE
HATCHET REPORTER

About 20 students and community members attended a panel discussion Nov. 13 aimed at exploring the influential role of media in the political arena.

The two panelists, David Brooks from *The Weekly Standard* and Reed Irvine from Accuracy in Media Inc., addressed topics ranging from the recent presidential election to the various scandals of the Clinton administration.

According to Brooks, Repub-

lican presidential candidate Bob Dole didn't have the same connection with the media that President Clinton had during the election.

"Dole's whole culture was strange to reporters," Brooks said. The media developed an instant rapport with Clinton because of their similar backgrounds — middle-aged, idealistic, highly educated baby boomers.

When asked about the accuracy of polling in the press in regard to Republican candidates, Brooks said "polling always over-represents the Democratic party. People don't want to admit that they are conservative."

But talk of the election turned to more controversial topics. The debate became heated when an audience member brought up the Vince Foster investigation and the possibility of a government conspiracy.

"We have a press who is suppressing the news," he said, bringing out photos of shady-looking men whom he claimed were FBI agents involved in scare tactics against one of his friends who had damaging information to the case.

Irvine stated that the Vince Foster scandal could have made an enormous difference in the election had the media chosen to report it. "Bill Clinton could have been toast," he said.

Clinton's alleged extramarital affair with Gennifer Flowers, the Dick Morris sex scandal and the Paula Jones sexual harassment case were also mentioned. But, according to the panelists, these ghosts that haunted Clinton during his first term are not likely to stay in the closet. Irvine predicted that the Paula Jones case will be "the most potentially damaging scandal to Clinton's second term.

Alumni offer their tables to students on holiday

GW students staying in D.C. for Thanksgiving can count their blessings. Students who live too far from home to travel for the holiday can now share the tables of local alumni for some home-cooked food.

A holiday feast will be served Nov. 28 at noon, compliments of the Office of Alumni Relations, the Elliott School of International Affairs Alumni Association and the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences Alumni Association.

Students should respond by Tuesday at the Alumni House, 714 21st Street, if they want to attend. The only requirement to belly up to the table is a student ID.

"Alumni remember what it's like to not have a place to go when most students go home for the holidays," Alumni Relations secretary Sherill Hill said.

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Reporters dissect '96 campaign

Dole, Clinton offered little vision for future, journalists say

BY WILLIAM DAVIS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The lack of public interest in a presidential election that "didn't change anything" was the focus of Thursday's speech on "Elections and the Media" sponsored by the GW chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Susan Feeney, national political reporter for the Dallas Morning News, discussed her year-long coverage of presidential candidate Bob Dole's campaign, and Baltimore Sun writer Susan Bear gave insight into how the campaign affected citizens across the nation.

"Sometimes there are truly defining elections, but I don't think this election changed anything ... Clinton is a horribly flawed candidate and Dole ran one of the most awful campaigns ever," said Feeney, who has reported on Washington politics for 10 years.

Both speakers agreed that the public had little interest in the election. They reasoned that the poll-driven "horse race" election wasn't suspenseful and, more importantly, neither candidates outlined a decisive plan for change in the next four years.

"Clinton was elected to do what?" Feeney asked rhetorically. She pointed to his record of unfulfilled campaign promises from the 1992 election and the vague '96 platform. "Clinton has done nothing but enact tiny programs. We call them rabbit droppings which have done little more than to expand existing programs."

Feeney described the popular rhetoric concerning "bridges to the future and to the past" as examples of inconclusive and evasive answers to policy solutions.

By talking to people across the nation in a piece entitled "Voices of America," Bear also found that candidates were not addressing the interests of the people.

"People wanted this election to be about them ... They were so pleased and flattered that people asked what was on their minds," she said.

Bear said the majority of the people she interviewed wanted a smaller government, but not at the expense of a social safety net. She said most people seemed satisfied with their lives, and the election didn't seem to change people's opinions.

The lack of concise dialogue presented by the candidates concerning policy led Bear and Feeney to write articles about what the candidates weren't talking about.

Bear wrote a series of articles concerning foreign policy, campaign reform and other issues she said simply were not addressed.

Feeney said she found it particularly difficult to define Dole's campaign agenda. "Clinton would inundate reporters with information and contacts. Dole would starve reporters. (Dole's campaign handlers) didn't let you know anything. This forced reporters to focus on direct speeches. The problem was he didn't give any good speeches."

Both Bear and Feeney agreed, however, that while election coverage had improved from election to election in the past, particularly from 1988 to 1992, this year's coverage did not improve from 1992, nor was it as frequent.

When questioned about the effect of citing polls in election coverage, both Bear and Feeney said the influence of the polling data on their writing was minimal. "I almost never wrote a story about the polls, but I won't apologize for writing reality," Feeney said.

Questions were asked by the audience, the majority of whom were journalism students, about the speakers' personal lives as journalists. Bear, who was first introduced to journalism as a writer for The GW Hatchet during her undergraduate years at GW, said it was difficult to be a reporter during an election. She described the work as time-consuming and said it left little room for a social life.

Feeney, whose experience with Washington politics began at age 25, also said it was difficult to be a woman in this profession. "I just don't think women reporters can have kids," Feeney explained.

Salinas, OCA deny conflict of interest

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ence tried to do the job of executive chair, they would ruin the organization in a second."

Salinas also said a year of involvement on the PB shows a student is committed to the organization. "It's basically a meritocracy," he said.

Committee chairs are chosen each year by a selection committee composed of the chair, vice chair, PB adviser, secretary, treasurer, former chair and former vice chair, as well as the former chair of the specific committee.

Questions of accountability

In addition, concerns have been raised that Lori Pederson, the director of the Office of Campus Activities and PB's adviser, also provides the only oversight for the organization.

"It seems like a conflict of interest," said one student who asked to remain unidentified. "The person who you'd go to if you had a problem with the PB is the same person who approves their expenditures."

Pederson said that advisement of the PB falls under the position of the assistant director of OCA, a job she previously held. She remained PB's adviser when she became acting director, and will continue to advise the PB until a new assistant director is hired early next semester.

"I don't perceive it as a conflict of interest," Salinas said. "Any problem that we've ever had has

been handled appropriately."

Pederson added that she is involved with the Cherry Tree, the Marvin Center Governing Board and the SA, but has never heard allegations of conflict of interest regarding those organizations.

"Let's open up this can of worms ..."

Concerns that have arisen about the PB budget and infrastructure are merely "election season attacks," according to Salinas.

He said he was "almost positive" the students raising the allegations are involved with the SA.

"It's election season," he said. "People figure, if the finger is pointing at someone else, then it's not pointing at me."

"This happens every year," Salinas said of what he perceives as "attacks" on the Program Board. "Certain senators continue to stick their noses in here without finding out what's going on."

"I would never leak anything about another group without first reading their constitution and bylaws to get the facts straight," he added.

"I wish (students who had concerns) would come to OCA and address their concerns," Pederson said. "None of this would happen if people just talked to each other."

"Why is the focus always on the PB?" Salinas asked. "If people are going to attack my organization, then let's open up this can of worms and see what's going on in other groups."

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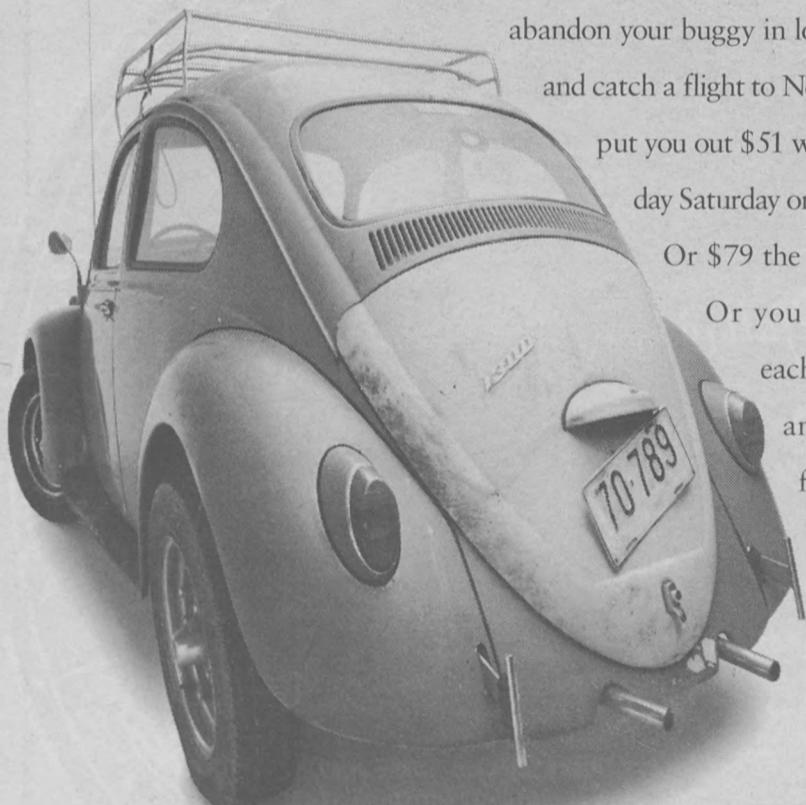
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Life on Mars discussed at GW

Panelists debate philosophical, scientific implications

BY ALLISON YEZRIL
HATCHET REPORTER

"We'll find our destiny, we'll find our futures, we'll find ourselves," concluded astrophysicist Richard Berendzen of American University regarding the exploration of Mars during Friday's symposium on extraterrestrial life held at GW.

Berendzen was one of many speakers featured in "Life in the Universe: What is the Message from Martian Fossils?" held in the Marvin Center. The event, sponsored by the Space Policy Institute of GW's Elliott School of International Affairs in collaboration with the Planetary Society

and the National Space Society, brought together speakers who addressed issues involving the scientific, economic, cultural and theological implications of the "ALH84001," the Mars rock found in Antarctica.

Kathie L. Thomas-Keprta, a member of the Mars team, said the rock is 4.5 billion years old and was cut off from the Martian crust only six million years ago. The rock has been in Antarctica for 13,000 years, thus fueling speculation that it could have been contaminated by earthly bacteria.

However, Keprta explained that because of its unique configuration, the fossilized bacteria

could only have originated from Mars.

The philosophical aspect of the knowledge in these findings was addressed by professor Peter Caws of the GW philosophy department. Caws said not much information is known about Earth itself and that more work needs to be done before anybody can be sure about life on Mars.

The second part of the symposium involved "Alien Life in Fiction and Fact," presenting science fiction writer Kim Stanley Robinson and writer Steven Dick.

Robinson addressed the four literary areas in which most science fiction has dealt with the planet Mars or life on Mars. He discussed what he called the "allegorical and realist" perspectives, as well as a combination of the two.

Robinson said the allegorical, in which writers use Mars to teach people about societal problems, is different than the realist approach to the Martian environment. In explaining the effects of the fossil finding on the science fiction community, Robinson stated that the general attitude was "we knew this (already)."

A panel discussion in the third part of the symposium brought together Rev. John Minogue, president of DePaul University, to represent the Christian/Catholic community, with Abdel-Monem Al-Mashat, a cultural and education attaché from the Embassy of Egypt, to represent the Muslim religion. Minogue and Al-Mashat discussed the implication of extraterrestrial life on each religion.

The economic perspective of basic research in the Mars program was offered by Molly Macauley of Resources From the Future. New York Times writer John Noble Wilford spoke regarding the media frenzy surrounding the Martian fossil findings.

The symposium concluded with a policy and budgetary perspective from NASA Director Dan Goldin. The head of the nation's space program said there is more to a Mars mission than a desire to go. A clear-cut long-term plan is essential to eventually sending a manned mission to Mars.

Goldin said NASA wants to decrease initial costs to tens of billions of dollars rather than hundreds of billions with an annual operational cost of three to six billion dollars.

Goldin also said the country does not have the technology nor the "telemedical expertise" available to send a six-member team to Mars who would have to deal with such problems as a two- to four-week period of no communication with Earth, solar flares, zero gravity and bacterial contamination on Mars.

He did say, however, that such obstacles can be solved through the human mind, "but one can't go to Mars by destroying NASA's current program."

ANC chair fumes as Miller, Tyler walk out

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at 2025 E St., N.W. The original building will be preserved, moved closer to the street and a 110-foot addition will be added on the back. Some residents voiced concern about the estimated 1,200 new workers who will be coming in and the threat of additional traffic.

In addition, GW presented plans for Anniversary Park to be built between the State Plaza and the Foggy Bottom Grocery store on F Street. Al Ingle, associate vice president for business affairs, explained that the park "is a joint venture with PEPCO (Potomac Electric Power Company) with the purpose of entertainment and activity for GWU and the community."

Completion is scheduled for spring, and Ingle said he hoped to get permission from the ANC to construct the park all the way up to the sidewalk. That would mean utilizing a small amount of public land and extending what PEPCO owns by a few feet, but it would increase recreation area.

"I'd like to see plans proceed as rapidly as possible," one audience member said. "Anything to beautify the block is essential."

GW needed the ANC to vote Wednesday night. Otherwise, it

planned to proceed with building further away from the sidewalk. Tyler questioned Ingle why it took the University so long to present the issue to the ANC if work on the plans had been underway for a year and a half. She said she did not have enough information or input to make an accurate decision.

"Let the record show Commissioner Miller is leaving," Miller said. "(Chairwoman Maddux) is not capable of keeping order."

Tyler and Miller then walked out the door.

"We have come here in good faith to carry out our work," Maddux said. "We need to pay our bills. By leaving, they have forfeited their responsibilities to carry out what needs to be done."

Without Miller and Tyler, the meeting would be illegal and unofficial.

"The problem we have with the notice is we can't hire a secretary," Geroe said. "Maybe we could get a volunteer to help."

With no resolution, the meeting ended.

"They abdicated their responsibilities to fully participate in the process they have been elected in," Maddux said of Miller and Tyler.

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CAREER CENTER, Cooperative Education Orientation. Academic Center T-509, 6:00-7:00 PM.

Employer Information Session: Naval Center for Cost Analysis. 6:00-7:00 PM, Marvin Center 404. Info? Contact Jon at 994-6495.

HILLEL AIDS AWARENESS COMMITTEE AND THE PROGRAM BOARD. 2nd Annual World AIDS Day Movie Night. Funger 103, 7:00 PM. AIDS Awareness Discussion to follow, Marvin Center 413. Info? Contact Michelle at 994-9533.

SNAP, General Membership Meeting. Visitors Center, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Andrea or Rob at 994-0432.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION, Senate Student Life Committee Meeting. 7:00 PM Volunteers & 8:00 PM Senators. Info? Contact Adam at 994-7100.

STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 4:00 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

ALPHA GAMMA TAU, General Meeting. Smith Hall of Art 114, 7:30 PM. Info? Contact Joanna at 994-0624.

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NSBE, Bake Sale. Ground Floor Marvin Center, Noon-

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

ELLIOT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ESIA "The New Congress: Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy", Brown Bag Lunch. Stuart Hall 103, Noon-1:00 PM. Info? Contact Kari at 994-4876.

EMES, Rabbi Teitelbaum's Class. 2300 H Street, 7:45 PM. Info? Contact Mathew at 994-9527.

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Admissions diversity is everyone's 'vision'

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said racial quotas can never become a factor in college admissions.

Admissions officers at GW are sensitive to cases of students with excellent transcripts and extracurricular activities whose SAT scores are lower than what GW would want, Siegel said. He explained that most admissions offices understand that standardized tests are often culturally biased – not only racially but also socio-economically – and will "take that into consideration."

GW uses "outreach" programs in its efforts to increase diversity on campus. Representatives from the admissions office are sent to different parts of the country and abroad in order to recruit students from groups under-represented at GW. Siegel said the University works to create a class that is racially, geographically and socio-economically diverse.

Visits to high schools serve another important purpose: They provide admissions officials the opportunity to observe an applicant's academic environment. Most high schools enclose a profile of their school when sending a student's transcripts.

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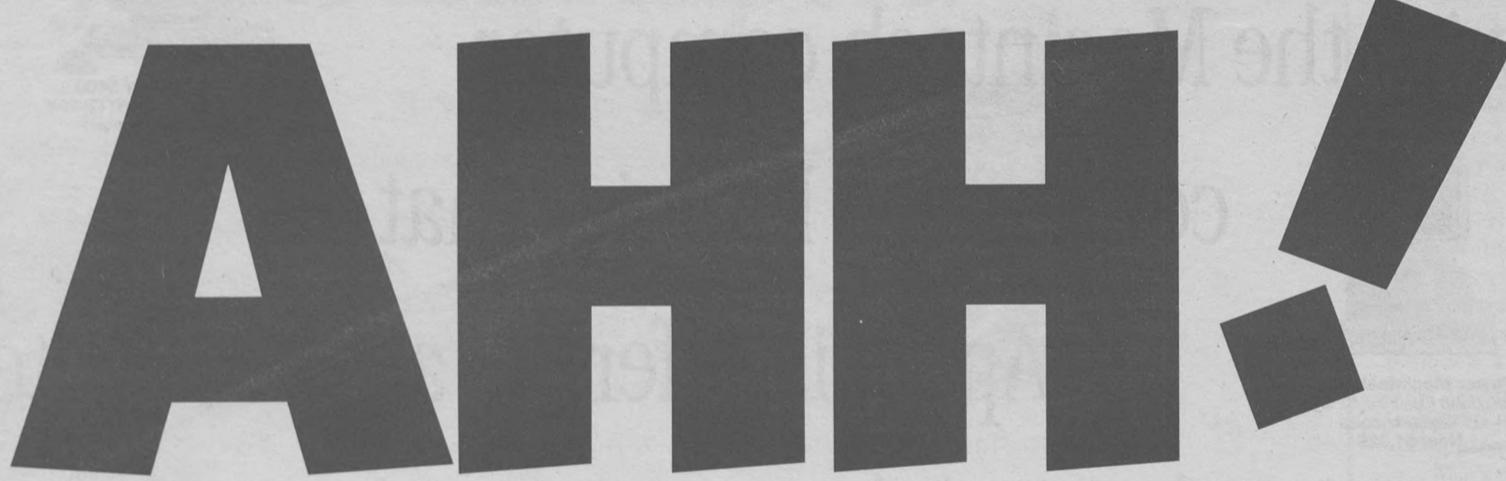
The key to achieving diversity on campus is an admissions office that supports that ideal, Siegel said. At GW, that goal is accomplished by combining all recruitment efforts into one program. Six years ago, Siegel said GW, like most large admissions offices, had an assistant director for minority recruitment. The only drawback was that the entire office might not have been as devoted to achieving a diverse class as it could because there was a specific program set up to accomplish such a task.

Siegel sought to make minority recruitment the "shared responsibility of the entire staff" rather than just one person, and in 1993, the assistant director of minority recruitment was put in charge of the entire campus recruitment program.

"You need to infuse an entire staff with those values and that vision," Siegel said. "One person can't do it (alone)."

Siegel said he believes GW has been successful in achieving a diverse student body. African-American enrollment in this year's freshman class, for example, is eight percent, a two percent increase since 1993.

Siegel said GW is also heavily involved in recruiting seniors from local high schools to foster a feeling of community. A report by the D.C. Public Schools found that for the past two years, GW has provided three times as much financial assistance to D.C. students as any other college or university in the country, Siegel said.



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SPORTS

Colonials open season with 2 wins in Red Auerbach Classic

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

With the tournament's Hall of Fame namesake in attendance, GW continued its tradition of dominance in the Red Auerbach Colonial Classic by winning games over Holy Cross Friday and Boston University in the championship game Saturday. The Colonials have not lost a Colonial Classic game since the tournament's inception in 1992.

GW 73, Boston University 68

For GW head coach Mike Jarvis, Saturday's championship game with Boston University was special. Jarvis spent much of his life in Boston before coming to Washington, coaching the Terriers from 1985-90. But at tip-off, all ties

to the past were inconsequential. Jarvis would settle for nothing but the win.

Unfortunately for the Colonials, BU came into the game wanting to do more than simply put up a fight against its highly-regarded foes.

"We came here to win the game, not just to keep it close," Terriers head coach Dennis Wolff said.

In a game that was not truly decided until the final moments, GW held off the pesky Terriers for the 73-68 victory.

"This is maybe their biggest game of the year, and I know exactly what it's like to be at BU," Jarvis said.

For the Colonials, free throws held a double meaning Saturday. GW made 11-of-12 from the line in the final four minutes to fend off the

BU comeback. But the Terriers would have never been in position to stage a comeback had GW center Alexander Koul not missed seven of nine from the line earlier in the half. The Colonials shot 67.6 percent from the line for the game.

"You've got to make your free throws. If you make them, it's a different ball game," Jarvis said.

Physical play from both teams caused the officials to call a tight game that took both teams out of their rhythm. "We're a slow kind of team," Jarvis said. "We didn't help ourselves by fouling. It makes for a herky-jerky kind of game. That's not to our advantage."

The Colonials controlled play in the first half, as forward Yegor Mescheriakov had the hot hand. He poured in 16 of his game-high 24 points in the first stanza on 5-of-6 shooting from the field. This was important, since BU did a good job of shutting down Koul using the triumvirate of Tunji Awojobi, Joey Beard and Jean Avebe.

The Colonials were up by a score of 38-27 at halftime.

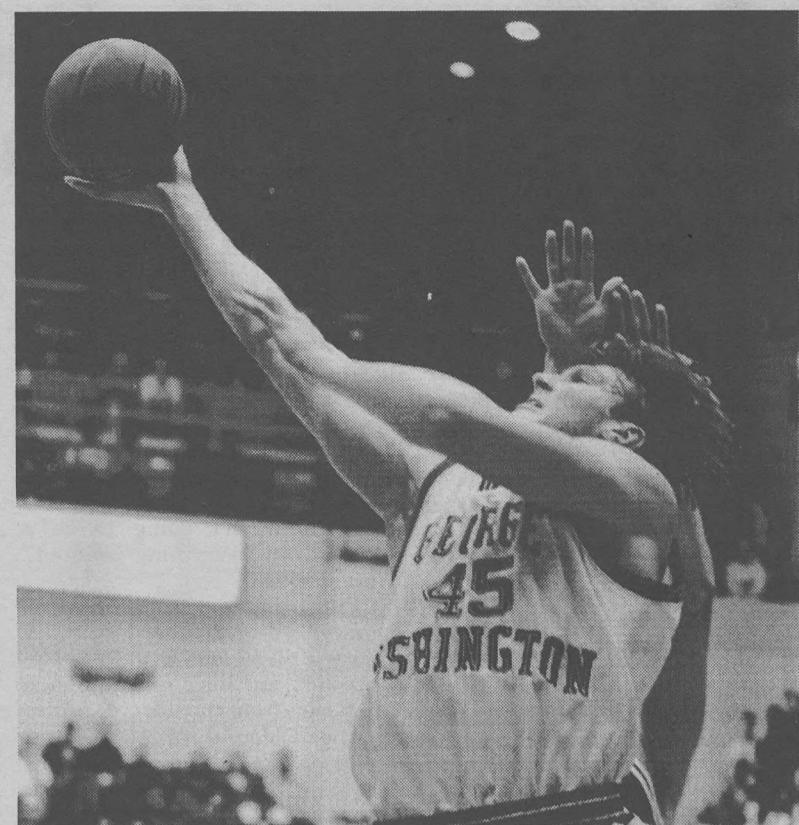
GW point guard Shawnta Rogers showed his leadership in the second half, keeping the Terriers out of striking distance. He finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds, which tied him with Koul for the game-high. Koul also added 14 points and swingman J.J. Brade added 13.

The Terriers, who beat Florida A&M 85-54 Friday, were led by Awojobi, who finished with 21 points and nine rebounds. Point guard LeVar Folk added 15 points for BU.

GW 86, Holy Cross 56

The toughest battle Friday night was in the stands as the two school bands battled to see who could play the loudest. On the court, GW was simply too big and too talented for the Crusaders as it cruised to a 86-56 victory.

Koul scored with ease all night



Jay Crystal/staff photographer

Junior center Alexander Koul drives to the basket in the Red Auerbach Classic, which the Colonials won for the fifth straight season.

long against Holy Cross center Keith Driscoll and finished with a game-high 25 points and 12 rebounds.

"Keith Driscoll is our tallest player at 6-8," Crusaders head coach Bill Raynor said. "We made a conscious effort to front Koul and tried to get help on the weak side, the only problem being that our help is a six-foot guy."

The Colonials took the lead for good just a minute and a half into the game as Rogers, who finished with 18 points, gave Koul a nice pass in the paint for the lay-in. From there, it was all GW.

Both Seco Camara and Jackson Payne came off the bench and played well for the Colonials. Camara hit three three-pointers and finished with 11 points. Payne was

2-of-3 from downtown, and inspired chants of "Action Jackson" with each of his shots.

"It was nice to see a couple of guys, like Jackson Payne, come in and do what they were recruited for – to make some threes," Jarvis said.

In the consolation game Saturday, Holy Cross, thanks in part to Chris Rojik's 22 points, defeated Florida A&M 66-59.

Rogers was named most valuable player of the tournament, while Koul and Mescheriakov were named to the all-tournament team, which also featured Beard and Awojobi from BU. Rounding out the team was Jerome James of Florida A&M.

GW returns to action Tuesday when the University of South Florida visits the Smith Center. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m.

Opponents get the point after dealing with Rogers for a night

BY DAVE MANN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Shawnta Rogers was sitting quietly, awaiting the first question from the reporters who filled the press room before him. Rogers had just guided the GW men's basketball team to the championship of the fifth annual Red Auerbach Colonial Classic with a 73-68 win over Boston University.

He sat motionless next to head coach Mike Jarvis, who had the first word on Rogers' play.

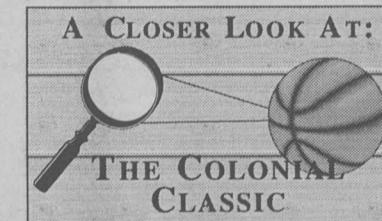
"He usually wins the war," Jarvis said of his sophomore point guard, who was awarded the tournament's most valuable player award for his 32-point, 16-rebound and 11-assist performance in GW's two wins over BU and Holy Cross.

On Saturday night the war was with Terrier point guard LeVar Folk. A question about the opposing point guard was posed to Rogers.

"He's not really in my league," Rogers said as a smile flashed across his face. "We're the 24th

team in the nation – he has to come after me. He was out to get me, and I was out to win the game."

Rogers was clearly the better player, at least on Saturday. Folk

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THE COLONIAL CLASSIC

collected 15 points and five rebounds, but had only one assist. Meanwhile, Rogers poured in 14 points to go along with five assists and an amazing 11 rebounds.

Rogers was also the player who hit the big shots. Both point guards went to the foul line for crucial free throws late in the second half of Saturday's championship game, with Rogers sinking both shots and Folk missing his two attempts.

"Shawnta is a good player, and my point guard is a real good player, too," Boston University head

coach Dennis Wolfe said. "He (Rogers) is very good at chasing down loose balls."

Rogers joined the Colonials eight games into the 1995-96 season and immediately became the spark plug GW needed, helping the team to a 21-8 record and an NCAA Tournament appearance. Rogers finished his freshman year averaging 10.5 points and 6.5 assists per game, as well as leading the team with 46 steals.

Rogers appears to be even quicker so far this season, and he shredded defenses in both of GW's preseason games, as well as in the two wins over the weekend.

"He's stronger, he's better," Jarvis said. "He's had the opportunity to have a full preseason. Last year he arrived after the start of the season, this year he's had a full six weeks of work."

The room filled with reporters fell silent, and there were no more questions for Rogers. He smiled as he left the room, for on yet another night he had won the game and the personal war.

As is his forte, GW's J.J. Brade slashes through the lane in Friday's win over Holy Cross.

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Thanks giving day picks from hungry hippo

Ah, Thanksgiving. At the Hippo house, Thanksgiving means gorging on incredible amounts of food and gorging on even more football. This year the Hippo's house will be thankful for all those Cowboy losses, as the world champions are enduring their toughest season in recent memory. These holiday picks are for entertainment use only, and any leftovers you might have can be sent to The Hatchet. **Chiefs at Lions:** As the Lions host their traditional Thanksgiving day game, a few things will be realized. First, the Lions don't have enough offensive downs to satisfy Brett Perriman, Herman Moore and Barry Sanders. Second, this game will determine Lions head coach Wayne Fontes' job status for 1997. If the Lions lose this game, Fontes will be fired, since Detroit fans will not accept anything less. Third, this will be a test for the Chiefs. If Kansas City can get by the

– Tryg Olsen

SPORTS

In Maine performance, GW's Abraham has leading role

BY DUSTIN GOUKER
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

A coach always expects his star player to come through with a solid performance. What he doesn't always expect is for his star player to turn in a career-high in points every night.

But that's exactly what GW women's basketball head coach Joe McKeown got from senior forward Tajama Abraham in a 68-65 victory over the University of Maine at the Smith Center Friday afternoon.

Abraham scored a career-high 33 points to lead the Colonial Women (1-1) past the Lady Black Bears (0-1) for their 20th straight victory at the Smith Center — the seventh-longest active home winning streak in the nation.

The performance was a complete turnaround for both the team, which was coming off an embarrassing season-opening loss to then-No. 7 Old Dominion, and Abraham, who was held to just eight points in that game.

"I altered my game to what they were doing defensively, and I tried to be smart with the ball," Abraham said of how she changed her mindset between games. "If

they were double-teaming me, I tried to kick the ball out."

Abraham was the spark that gave GW its first lead of the second half as well, hitting two free throws to give the Colonial Women a 46-45 lead at the 11:13 mark. This was a common sight throughout the afternoon, as she converted 17 of 19 foul shots.

"I guess I just really concentrated on the free throw line because I knew it wasn't going to be a blowout, so everything counted," Abraham said.

From that point on, the lead changed several times, with GW taking a 60-59 lead with four minutes left on Lisa Cermignano's jump shot from the left side.

The Colonial Women never trailed again, although the team left the door open for Maine. Maine's star, junior guard Cindy Blodgett (23 points), went to the line for the Lady Black Bears after a moving pick by GW's Mandisa Turner. Her two foul shots narrowed the margin to just one point with less than a minute left. The Colonial Women did not convert on their next possession and gave Maine the ball back with 33.3 seconds to play.

A GW steal and an ensuing foul

by Blodgett, her fifth of the game, put Cermignano on the line with 15.6 seconds to ice the victory. She missed the front end of the one-and-one, though, and Maine had one last chance. The Lady Black Bears hoisted up an airball, and Cermignano was fouled in the scramble for the loose ball. This time, she hit both shots to ensure the GW victory, easing McKeown's mind a bit.

"We've been struggling offensively," McKeown said of his team, which shot 32 percent from the field in the first half and just under 36 percent for the game. "I'm not sure we could have won an intrasquad game last week. We just have trouble putting the ball in the basket. I thought we had a lot of good looks early and the ball just wouldn't go in."

Even with Abraham's ease in scoring, GW fell behind Maine early in the game. The Lady Black Bears started pulling away in the middle of the first half and led by as much as 13 with eight minutes left in the half.

With GW's poor shooting, only its defense and rebounding were keeping the game close. Cermignano and her teammates did a solid job on Blodgett, holding



Freshman Marlo Egleston penetrates against Maine in Friday's 68-65 GW win.

her to just seven first-half points. Last season, Blodgett led the nation in scoring with an average of 27.8 points per game.

The Colonial Women also beat Maine badly on the glass, pulling down 40 total rebounds and 11 offensive boards to Maine's 29 total and two offensive rebounds. Abraham and junior transfer Noelia Gomez led the GW assault on the boards, with 10 and nine rebounds, respectively.

"We worked all week in prac-

tice on boxing out," Abraham said. "A lot of times when we sealed out the ball just dropped on the inside."

GW made a run at the end of the first half to cut the lead to four, which included a three-point basket by Gomez that came when the team was on the verge of getting blown out.

"I was just really proud of my seniors," McKeown said. "They had to step up and make big plays at the end of game and they did it."

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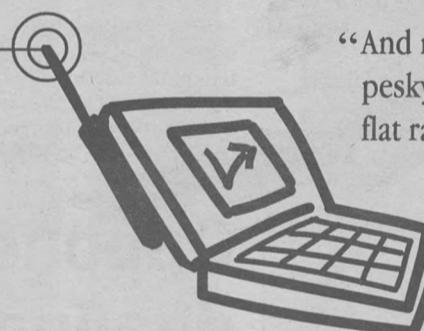
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SPORTS

Seniors round out GW careers with two losses

Women's volleyball falls to UMass, URI

BY HEATHER HARE AND
ADAM WILLIS
HATCHET SPORTS WRITERS

The GW women's volleyball team ended its season with two losses despite playing hard during the weekend.

Seniors Kate Haubenreich, Anna Krimmel and Heather McNab all completed their careers at GW with a close game against Massachusetts at the Smith Center Sunday afternoon.

UMass 3, GW 2

The well-matched teams had a hard time fending off the other enough to gain a substantial lead. The match's scores of 15-10, 14-16, 15-4, 4-15, 15-13, show the struggle each team had trying to gain the number of points to get the win.

Neither team warmed up until the second game of the match. Luck helped UMass win the first game, 15-10, since GW's mistakes were points, where UMass' were sideouts.

The beginning of the second game also was marked by slow court movement on UMass' side. Krimmel got a well-placed kill after Haubenreich pulled the ball out of the net to break the tie at 15-14. GW won the game with a carry by UMass setter Katie Pearce.

The Colonial Women were stuck at four points throughout most of the third game. Krimmel and Crystal Akens had some great spikes, but other mistakes caused points and sideouts for UMass. UMass outside hitter Dionne Nash kept the Colonial Women moving with well-placed kills, and the Minutewomen took the game 15-4.

By the fourth game, GW was playing with confidence. Sophomores Akens and Mya Eveland and freshman Theresa Ridder helped GW control the fourth game. Tai Bethune's middle hits landed inside the 10-foot line thanks to Haubenreich's quick assists. Krimmel brought the team up to 13-4 with two consecutive tips behind UMass' blockers, and she also combined with Eveland to block UMass' kill attempts.

The game to end the match was played intensely. The lead volleyed between the teams without a two-point spread until the end. The game was so intense that even the officials forgot to have the teams change sides. UMass head coach Bonnie Kenny got a yellow card followed by a red and a point for GW for questioning calls. Eveland hit a soft

kill for a tie of 11-11. The Minutewomen brought the score back to 13-11. Akens and Bethune had consecutive kills to tie the score 13-13. Then poor block coverage by GW gave UMass match point. The final point for GW's season was lost to a touch, and game 5 ended with UMass victorious, 15-13.

The Colonial Women had five players end their season with double-digit kills. Leading the pack was Eveland with 15, who also had an impressive 18 digs. Haubenreich added 56 assists to make her career assist total a GW-best 4,851.

"I don't think it could've ended on a better note, except if we would've gotten to 15 first," Haubenreich said. She added that the team has a stable backbone for the coming years. She pointed out that during most of the match, five underclassmen were on the court. They "gained a lot of experience," Haubenreich said.

Rhode Island 3, GW 1

Playing for pride on the first of two nights dedicated to the seniors, the Colonial Women gave the Lady Rams a fight not indicative of the two teams' records. Despite playing well enough to steal a game from the A-10's regular season champions, GW couldn't go the distance, dropping a 15-8, 15-3, 13-15, 15-5 decision at the Smith Center.

The Colonial Women played some of their best volleyball of the season in the match's third game. After giving up a quick 2-0 lead, GW rallied to score five unanswered points and take a 5-2 lead. URI fought back to tie the score at 5-5, but solid defense and a well-timed ace by senior captain Kate Haubenreich helped spark a 5-0 run that put GW up 10-5.

The Lady Rams countered with three quick points to get within two, but McNab's ace and a GW block-assist put the Colonial Women up 12-8. A string of tension-induced GW errors let URI back into the game and led to a 13-13 tie. But the Colonial Women fought hard, winning the next point to take a 14-13 lead. On GW's fourth game point, Theresa Ridder's kill gave GW the victory.

Eveland's 12 kills led the Colonial Women and her 11 digs placed her second on the team in that category. Ridder added 10 kills and eight digs, while Akens led GW with a match-high 21 digs. Haubenreich had 36 assists.

Bowman stars in her last home meet; GW loses to Maryland

BY JAMIE LIN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

As you stand by the Smith Center pool and breathe in the chlorine-filled air while "The Star-Spangled Banner" plays in the background, you glance at the tattered GW swimming record board, and one name clearly stands out.

Bambi Bowman. The name itself should strike fear in the minds of opponents.

Luckily for them, Bowman swam her final meet at the Smith Center pool Sunday in a 125-118 loss to Maryland. Her last race marked the end of an era in GW swimming, where Bowman has emerged as the most decorated GW swimmer of all time.

Bowman showed why Sunday in her incredible effort in the 200 freestyle. Ten minutes earlier she captured first in the 1,000 freestyle, a grueling 40 lengths of the pool. In the 200 she was up against a fast field with some swimmers who had times two seconds faster than her best this year. But Bowman still pulled out a victory with a time of 1:52.75.

"For her to do what she did in the 200 free after that 1,000 was amazing just because she was not going to lose," GW head coach Marc Hagen said. "That's the most amazing thing that people see about Bambi. When she's in a race and she's even with someone coming out of the last 25, Bambi's not going to lose, and that's a given."

Based on the team's solid performance against Maryland, it seems all the women have learned from Bowman. Maryland is from the Atlantic Coast Conference, which is a stronger league than the Atlantic 10. Although the men were beaten by a larger margin of 135-96, Hagen was proud of both teams.

"Our team swam great ... For us

to swim against Maryland and swim them pretty straight up the way we did today, I was extremely happy with our swims," Hagen said.

Bowman's long list of accolades include being named long distance swimmer of the year by *Swimming World* magazine, two A-10 swimmer of the year awards, first place at the Pan Pacific Championships, fifth place at the World Swimming Championships, and all-American honors, the first ever for a GW swimmer.

Bowman, dominant in freestyle events, holds school records in the 100-, 200-, 500-, 1,000- and 1,650-meters. Along with her individual records, she has been a record-holding member in the 400-medley relay and the 400- and 800-free relays.

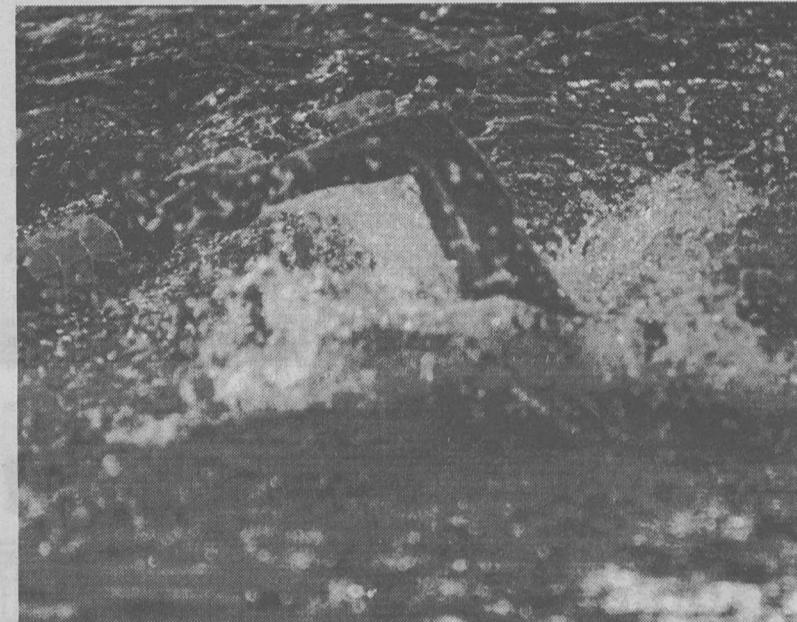
Although she has had great individual success, Bowman would like

to be remembered for more than her personal accomplishments. "I want people to remember that I was a team player, an all-around good team member," she said.

Perhaps the reason she is a valuable team member is the special way she can affect the entire team and the good example she sets.

"She is amazing in terms of her training," Hagen said. "She's always there, there's no complaining, just day in and day out hard swimming. And people see that and they recognize that, so that makes other people live up to her standards."

Admirably humble, Bowman didn't realize her great leadership in the water until it was her final chance to lead. "Today I found out I affected a lot more people than I did. I'm flattered," she said.



Dave Flintzen/Photo Editor

With arms-a-flailing, Bambi Bowman swam to a win in the 200-meter freestyle Sunday against Maryland in her last GW swim meet.

The Muted Cheer

NCAA action inspires new column

Oh, how the mighty have fallen. The fall of North Carolina on Friday night means three of the last four men's national champions have lost in the first two weeks of the college basketball season.

Kentucky, UCLA and Carolina (ranked third, fifth and ninth, respectively) were not only recent net-cutters, but are all in the running to visit the Final Four again this season.

The Wildcats were the first to fall, losing in overtime against Clemson Nov. 15. Last year's champs are in vital need of resuscitation from head coach Rick Pitino. A start might be to get Jared Prickett off the floor in the late stages of a game.

The preseason NIT witnessed the second blow to UCLA this year. The first was the preseason firing of head coach Jim Harrick. Shea Seals and Tulsa delivered the second punch with an overtime victory on the Bruins' home court last Wednesday.

Friday night, while most of you were at the Smith Center watching the Colonials romp all over Holy Cross, I made the decision to bleed Carolina blue and watch my Tar Heels come from behind against 19th ranked Arizona. Despite my wishes, the comeback never materialized as Michael Dickerson poured in 31 points to lead the 'Cats to a surprisingly easy victory.

Dean Smith was appropriately in Springfield, Mass., at the home of the Basketball Hall of Fame for his team's season-opener. Contrary to plans, however, Dean's powerful inside line-up of Antawn Jamison and Serge Zwicker, a.k.a. the "Serge protector," were

stymied by Arizona's young front line of the Wildcats.

To no one's surprise, my weekly award for college basketball team of the week goes to all three giant killers: Clemson, Tulsa and Arizona.

In college football, a muted cheer goes to the fourth-ranked Arizona State football team. In a game that is always extremely difficult to win, the Sun Devils knocked off in-state rival Arizona Saturday night. As Ohio State found out Saturday, playing your arch rival in a must-win game is never easy.

I know they're undefeated, but are the Florida Gators really the best team in the country? Let's face it, the Southeastern Conference is not the beast it has been in past years. I was one of many who thought Ohio State should be No. 1.

With Ohio State's loss to Michigan, my No. 1 pick once again returns to Nebraska. If the Cornhuskers beat Colorado Friday, win their bowl game and ASU loses the Rose Bowl to Ohio State, Nebraska should be national champs no matter who wins the Florida/Florida State game this weekend.

Speaking of this weekend, if you can ignore the incredible line-up of college and pro football games with your Thanksgiving dinner, two potential great college hoops games are on tap as well.

The first is a possible Duke/Indiana battle at Madison Square Garden in the NIT. The second is out in Maui where, if form holds, a Massachusetts/Kansas game may be in store for those college basketball nuts who love the idea of a game at 3 a.m.

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